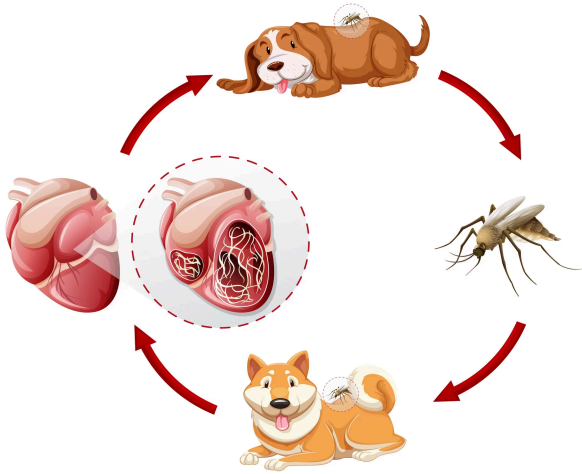


# How to Keep Your Puppy Safe from Parasites

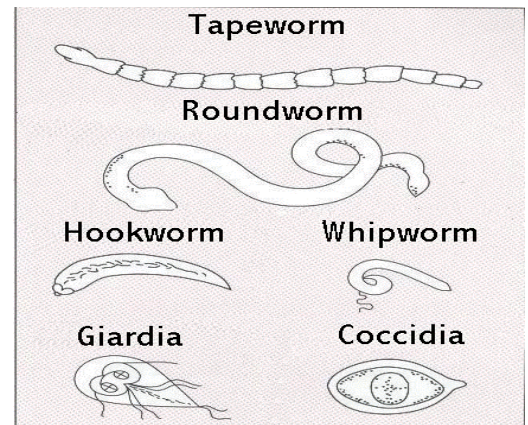
## Heartworms



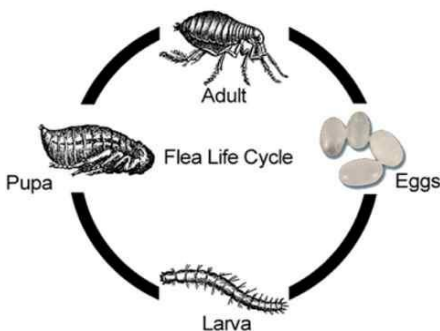
- Heartworm disease is one of the most common and **most deadly** diseases in dogs
- It can cause heart and lung disease which can be very expensive and difficult to treat
- More than one million dogs in the US are infected with heartworm disease each year, even though it can be **easily prevented**
- Heartworms are spread by mosquitoes - meaning if you are swatting or getting bit, your dog is at risk as well
- Heartworms are found in all 50 states - Florida has the unfortunate risk of not having a cold winter, which means they **exist year round**
- While heartworm disease can be treated, treatment is **very costly** and **very painful** for your pet
- **Prevention is the most easy and affordable way to keep your pet safe!**

## Intestinal Parasites

- Intestinal parasites can cause all kind of symptoms in your pets such as malnutrition, vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, scooting, distended abdomen and anemia
- They can be transmitted from infected fecal matter, soil, water, or even from ingesting an infected flea
- Some of these intestinal parasites, like hookworms, roundworms, giardia and tapeworms, are even **zoonotic**, which means you and your family are at risk!
- Intestinal parasites are treatable, but keeping them on prevention is **much easier**.



## Fleas



- Fleas are annoying little pests that live everywhere
- They are found on stray pets, wildlife and neighborhood pets not on prevention
- They are easily shared between pets
- Fleas can cause itching, irritation, and allergic reactions. They can pass tapeworms, which can make your pet anemic in severe cases
- Fleas can be found in clean homes and jump to new locations as much as 2 feet
- One flea can lay anywhere from 40-50 eggs per day and they live up to 100 days
- Treating your pet is not the only step to getting rid of fleas once they are in your home. You also will have to treat your house to kill all life stages
- Flea bites on a human can cause dermatitis, allergic reactions or even transmit some diseases.

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### Ticks

- Ticks can be found in long grass or bushes
- While the tick itself only causes mild irritation, they do pass serious diseases to pets and humans such as Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Ehrlichiosis and Tick Paralysis
- Ticks like to hide in or around ears, in the groin area, between the toes and underneath the collar, but your pet's whole body should be checked frequently
- They can stay attached for more than 3 days
- Year round tick prevention is the safest thing for your pet to keep them protected



### Preventions We Recommend and Offer

#### Simparica Trio

- Simparica Trio is a tablet you give your puppy monthly for heartworm, flea, tick and intestinal parasite protection
- We start your puppy on this prevention while they are under 6 months old - this is to keep up with their growing month to month while you come in for your booster vaccinations

#### Proheart & Bravecto

- Proheart is an injection given either every 6 or 12 months for heartworm and intestinal parasite protection
- This is combined with Bravecto which is a chewable given every 3 months for flea and tick prevention
- Your puppy is started on the 6 month Proheart injection and Bravecto when they are 6 months old. When they are 1 year old, you can choose between the Proheart 6 or 12 injection.
- This combo allows you to keep your mind at ease knowing your pet is covered long term and is likely more convenient.



#### BRAVECTO® – The #1 Longest-Lasting Chew!

