

YEAR-ROUND HEARTWORM PREVENTION

We *highly* recommend that heartworm preventatives be given all year long.

BENEFITS OF YEAR-ROUND PREVENTION:

- ❖ Mosquitoes can survive the winter inside your home or garage. A mosquito that is carrying heartworm disease is as much a threat to your dog in the winter as in the summer.
- ❖ **One bite** is enough to infect your pet.
- ❖ A year-round prevention program virtually eliminates the possibility of contracting heartworm disease because no “off-season” truly exists.
- ❖ Convenience: It will help you to stay on schedule and it will be easier to remember to give the preventative each month.
- ❖ It also provides much-needed protection for dogs that travel to warmer climates during the winter. Although mosquitoes are not prevalent in regions such as New England year-round, some areas of the country, such as the Southeast, have a year-round population of mosquitoes. This poses a threat to any dog not on year-round heartworm preventative if they travel or reside in those areas of the country that have a long mosquito season.

YEARLY HEARTWORM TESTS ARE STILL REQUIRED EVEN WITH YEAR-ROUND HEARTWORM PREVENTION!

- ❖ The heartworm preventative medication may be vomited or spit out by your dog without your knowledge thereby exposing your pet to heartworm disease.
- ❖ Either by accident or oversight, you may forget to give the monthly preventative.
- ❖ On the off-chance that the medication does not do its job and the pet contracts heartworm disease, the product manufacturer will cover the cost of heartworm treatment (\$1000+) with proof that it was purchased on a regular basis from our clinic.
- ❖ None of the routine heartworm tests are able to detect immature or early heartworm infestation. Your dog may have had an undetectable infection at the time of his/her last heartworm test and therefore could have a dangerous infection. Heartworm preventatives will prevent *new* infections of heartworms, but they cannot prevent the progress of *pre-existing* heartworm infection.