

Deworming your dog or pup – JUST HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS?

Most people buy a pup or adopt a dog, and it is dewormed by the previous owner, and yes it is dewormed again when the follow up shots are given, then there is a long lapse of a good few months prior to the dog or pup again visiting the vet for a booster shot and deworming. Is this sufficient to keep your pup or dog worm free?

This will depend on a good few pointers

Is your dog kept on your property and only on your property?

Do you take your dogs for long walks or a run in the nearby park, where numerous other dogs run off leash?

Do you attend dog shows, where dozens of doggy paws have trodden?

There are various worms:

HOOK WORM is a dangerous worm, and in quantity can deplete young pups and kittens blood, sufficiently to kill them. Dogs that enjoy long walks in wild untamed areas can be at risk of being infected.

ANOTHER cause for concern, this particular worm has developed a varying level of resistance to worming medications, so best to change the brand of wormer you use on a continual basis.

This worm is bad news at its infective immature stage, and poses a huge risk to us and our children by lying in the sand or on grass waiting for a suitable host to come by. At this stage the larvae burrow through the skin and infect the host. MAKES one never want to risk walking barefoot ever again.

ROUNDWORMS too are major dangerous. With large volumes of these worms present, the risk of blocking the gastro-intestinal tract becomes a real possibility and this will result in death. Furthermore, these particular worms are a huge threat to children.

TAPEWORMS - commonly found when fleas are around. There are various types of tapeworm and some types need the flea to continue their life cycle. If you have fleas very good chance your pets have tapeworm.

There is a new worm on the BLOCK - I personally have never heard of it but it does exist. This worm needs the help of a dung beetle of which there

are a few different types to complete its life cycle. Do you think well this is not possible.? Think again. Your dog eats a lizard that in turn has eaten a small dung beetle and HELLO there you have it.

The bottom line, deworm repeatedly. Change the brand or make repeatedly.

Refrain from kissing your dog, or your children kissing their pets on the mouth. Loads of people kiss their pets, but ensure your pet has no worms by deworming on a regular basis.

How do you ensure your pet has no worms – ask your vet to do a stool test or a faecal flotation. If your pet has no worms now – it does not mean that in so many months time it will still not have worms.

Deworm.

It is a known fact if you have ever had hookworm on your property – the chances of ridding your actual property of the larvae etc is almost impossible, if not impossible.

HAPPY DEWORMING....

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