

Worming

We recommend that puppies and kittens are wormed monthly until 6 months of age. Many puppies and kittens carry Roundworms (*Toxocara*) which can cause blindness if passed on to children.

Dogs and cats older than 6 months should be wormed every 3 months to prevent round and tapeworm infestation.

There are also prescription spot-on wormers available for cats which cover roundworm & tapeworm. They are simple and safe to use. Single dose pipettes of the wormer are applied to your pet's skin at the back of the neck. If you struggle with tablets this could be the answer. We will be happy to discuss the best solution for you and your cat.

There is an emerging trend of lungworm (*Angiostrongylus vasorum*) cases in dogs, more commonly in southern England although cases have been reported as far north as Scotland. Many routine worming agents are not shown to have action against this parasite. We can help you decide what level of risk your dog has for this parasite and if preventative treatment is appropriate. [External link to lungworm information site: www.lungworm.co.uk; Bayer also have material available with images of worms etc.]

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of worming with us so that we may provide you with appropriate treatment for your pet.

Worming reminder Service

We offer a reminder service to help you remember when to worm your pet. If you let one of our staff know we can set this up for you. We can remind you by telephone or sending you a note in the post. If you prefer, you can use this on line tool which will send SMS text and/or email reminders. Following sign-up, you may also use the tool to change any of the details relevant to your reminder subscription (such as the mobile number for SMS receipt) or to cancel their reminder service to prevent any further communication.

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