

WORM YOUR DOGS!!!

Worms are the most overlooked problem, yet the easiest to treat. Dogs should be on a worming schedule to prevent many health issues caused by worms, particularly in young puppies. Dogs can get worms from walking the neighborhood, playing in parks, competing at dog shows, and yes, sometimes your own back yard. Most dogs will get worms and the risk increases the more places you take your dogs. **My recommended protocol is at the bottom of this document.**

First, let me start with a few links that explain the various worms, the damage they create and a schedule to reduce/eliminate worm infestation. Each site may have a slight difference in treatment/ frequency, but all have the same message: Worm your dogs! Most deworming medications (aside from some heartworm meds) do NOT generally last very long in a treated-animal's system. When an all-wormer is given to a pet, the drugs work rapidly, killing off the adult worm parasites, before disappearing. The drugs do not hang around to protect the pet against subsequent worm infestations.

<https://www.purina.com.au/puppies/health/worms#.XUcH3Xt7mUk>

My favorite and most informative: <https://www.beaglesunlimited.com/health/canine-intestinal-worms-and-inexpensive-treatment>

<http://www.beaglepro.com/beagle-flea-tick-worms>

Next, Treatment. IF YOU ARE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH TREATING YOURSELF, CONTACT YOUR VET. Vets are great and can do a fecal, but I have found that on many occasions (through my experience and those of other breeders) fecals come up negative, yet the dog has worms. Also, the cost can become very expensive if numerous follow ups are required. Worming a dog is very safe with a wide margin of safety with regards to dose. Wormers are available on the market, not requiring a prescription. The intent here is to provide the less expensive ways to treat for worms or maintaining a worming schedule, NOT to bypass a trip to the vet if your puppy/dog is ill. Keep in mind that if the dog does have worms, you may not necessarily see them in the stools, but your dog may have alarming stools with mucus and even a tinge of blood after treatment and/or go off their food a meal or two. The bigger the infestation, the bigger side effects from worming. Also, it is good to rotate wormer from time to time.

The wormers I recommend are the generic versions, vs name brand. Exact same ingredient, but less expensive.

My favorite: **Safeguard cattle/goat wormer (Fenbendazole)**. Fenbendazole is a common ingredient in over the counter dog wormers (Panacure C). The difference here is the cost to treat your dog one cycle with "dog wormer" is \$15-25. The goat wormer is the exact ingredient but stores in the fridge for 3 years and will treat a dog many more times, depending on the weight, so no need to buy different packets to transition from puppy weight to dog weight. This treats hook, whip, & round worms. Shake well. The dosage is 1 cc/ml per 5 pounds; 1x daily for 3 days (just like dog wormer). So a 10lb pup will get 2cc/ml (cc's and ml's are the same thing) for 3 days. A 60lb dog will get 12cc for 3 days. Always better to round up than under treat. If you see signs of worms (described earlier) retreat in 2 weeks. **This product also treats Giardia (7 to 10 days depending on stools).** <https://smile.amazon.com/Merck-Safeguard-Goat-Dewormer->

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Pyrantel Pamoate (Nexguard, Nemax, Durvet). PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT THE SAME DOSE AS THE NAME BRAND, AS THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT IS HIGHER). Again, this is an inexpensive way to treat for worms. Round up the mls. If the dose requires .46, round to .5 (less than 1 ml). This wormer treats Round and Whip ONLY, but good to switch now and again unless you know whip is common in your area. This link provides more information on the product and the dosage. Please read carefully. <https://www.dreamydoodles.com/deworming-puppies-pyrantel-pamoate-suspension/>. Here is the product on Amazon. <https://www.amazon.com/Pyrantel-Pamoate-Suspension-bottle>

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B019QRUUDE/ref=as_li_ss_tl?keywords=pyrantel+pamoate+for+dogs&qid=1554510166&s=gateway&sr=8-3&linkCode=sl1&tag=dreamnorthlab-20&linkId=1050eb2482e493193cd3f548fd488fc&language=en_US

Another favorite: Drontal Plus (Praziquantel, pyrantel pamoate, febantel). This wormer not only includes the ingredients of the two wormers above, but is the only wormer that will treat the common tape worm (caused from fleas). It also treats whip, round, & hook. The name brand does require a prescription. **If you want info on the generic version, no prescription required, contact me.** https://www.chewy.com/drONTAL-PLUS-CHEWABLE-TABLETS-dogs/dp/173193?utm_id=350444744&msclkid=075d43ee042b154a83771ea9161dfdef&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Shopping-Product%20Targets-Pharmacy&utm_term=4583314223656751&utm_content=Drontal

Lastly, don't overlook the other most obvious prevention: Flea and tick control. The best way to avoid tape worms is keep your dog on a flea control med. My favorite is Bravecto. If you are in an area where heart worm is a concern, add Valuheart. Revolution is another safe heartworm/flea treatment (does not include tick treatment). I've heard that many dogs/boxers have a reaction to trifexus. Be sure to select the item that fits your dog's weight. <https://sierrapetmeds.com/dravecto-chews/>

*When ordering liquid wormer, don't forget to order syringes. Recommend 5cc/ml and 12cc/ml

Recommended Worming Protocol

Puppies: Every two weeks until 12 weeks (2wk, 4wk, 6wk, 8wk, 10wk, 12wk), followed by monthly through 6 months

Adolescent/Dogs: Every 3 months if dog is primarily at home. Every other month if dog visits public places.

www.Sierrapetmeds.com is a great site to get routine meds without a prescription and the best prices.