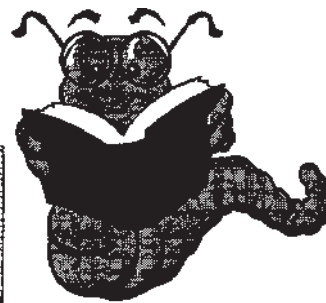
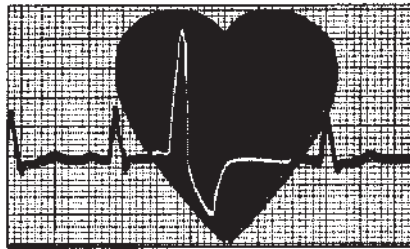


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Heartworm Season is Here....



...AND PREVENTION IS BETTER (AND CHEAPER) THAN THE CURE!

QUESTION 1: WHAT ARE HEARTWORMS AND HOW DO PETS GET THEM?

ANSWER: HEARTWORMS ARE VERY LARGE WORMS WHICH ACTUALLY LIVE INSIDE THE HEART AND MAJOR BLOOD VESSELS. THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE TYPE OF WORMS FOUND IN THE STOOL. HEARTWORMS ARE SPREAD FROM DOG TO DOG BY MOSQUITOES WHO PASS THE LARVAE (CALLED MICROFILARIA) FROM THE INFECTED BLOOD OF ONE DOG TO ANOTHER. MOSQUITOES CAN GET INTO YOUR HOME AND ALL PETS ARE AT RISK. DID YOU KNOW THAT CATS CAN GET HEARTWORMS TOO?

QUESTION 2: IF MY PET HAD HEARTWORMS, HOW WOULD I KNOW?

ANSWER: BY TAKING BLOOD SAMPLES, YOUR DOCTOR CAN TELL IF YOUR PET HAS HEARTWORMS. AFTER CONTRACTING HEARTWORMS PETS LOSE THEIR PEP AND TIRE EASILY. ANIMALS MAY TAKE MONTHS OR YEARS TO DIE FROM HEARTWORM DISEASE AND ALL THE TIME THEY ARE SPREADING IT (BY WAY OF MOSQUITOES) TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD PETS.

QUESTION 3: CAN HEARTWORMS BE PREVENTED?

ANSWER: YES. HEARTWORM PREVENTION IS SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE. FIRST HAVE YOUR PETS BLOOD TESTED TO BE SURE IT IS FREE FROM INFECTION. THEN, MEDICATE DURING THE MOSQUITO SEASON AND TWO MONTHS BEYOND. (MARCH THROUGH DECEMBER IN THE CLEVELAND AREA). YOU RUN THE RISK OF A DANGEROUS REACTION IF YOU START MEDICATION BEFORE THE BLOOD TEST IS DONE.

QUESTION 4: CAN HEARTWORMS BE CURED?

ANSWER: YES. DOGS WITH HEARTWORMS CAN BE TREATED AND CURED, BUT IT IS EXPENSIVE AND RISKY. ARSENIC HAS TO BE INJECTED INTRAVENOUSLY. THE WORMS DIE AND FLOAT LOOSE IN THE CIRCULATION.

QUESTION 5: HOW COMMON IS HEARTWORM DISEASE?

ANSWER: HEARTWORMS USED TO BE A PROBLEM IN THE SOUTHERN STATES. IN RECENT YEARS, THEY HAVE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE US AND CANADA. ALSO, MORE CATS ARE TESTING POSITIVE.

NOW IS THE TIME TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HEARTWORMS!

- TEST BLOOD
- GIVE PREVENTIVE MEDICINE EACH MONTH TO PROTECT YOUR PETS AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PETS.

IF YOU LOVE YOUR PETS....CALL NOW AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

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