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PERKINS VETERINARY CLINIC

11016 S. Perkins Rd.
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Monday-Friday 7AM to 8PM // Saturday 8AM to 6PM // Sunday 12PM to 6PM

Open 365 Days a Year!

"We do what's best for the pet"

Heartworm, Flea, and Tick Prevention in Dogs and Cats

Heartworm Disease in Dogs and Cats

The disease is not spread directly from dog to dog, or cat to cat. . An intermediate host, the mosquito, is required for transmission. Spread of the disease therefore coincides with the mosquito season. The number of dogs infected and the length of the mosquito season are directly correlated with the incidence of heartworm disease in any given area. In Oklahoma, mosquitoes are present year-round, so it is recommended that your pet be on heartworm prevention no matter how often he/she goes outdoors.

Heartworm Prevention Recommended by our Doctors

A heartworm test is recommended once a year at your annual appointment to ensure the effectiveness of the prevention that works best for your pet. While it is rare that a prevention method will not work, with proof of yearly heartworm tests, many companies will pay for the heartworm treatment of your pet after a positive test. There are many different options we provide in house for heartworm prevention, these include:

HeartGard: an oral chew. When taken once a month, every month it is an effective combatant against heartworms.

ProHeart 6: an injection. When administered once every six months, it is an effective combatant against heartworms. This injection must be given twice a year.

ProHeart 12: an injection. When administered once a year, it is an effective combatant against heartworms.

Interceptor: an oral chew. When taken once a month, every month it is an effective combatant against heartworms

Bravecto+ for Cats: Bravecto+ is a topical flea, tick and heartworm prevention. Applied once every 2 months.

Flea and Tick Infestation in Dogs and Cats

Both fleas and ticks can be a nuisance for both you and your pet. Not only are they itchy, they can also carry dangerous diseases. Among many other diseases, ticks can transmit; Lyme disease and Ehrlichia. Fleas can transmit tapeworms to your pet. When treating your pets with flea and tick prevention it is important to remember to treat the environment they live in as well.

To keep both you, and them protected, there are many different options we provide:

NexGard: an oral chew. When taken once a month, it is one of the most effective chews for the prevention of fleas and ticks.

Frontline: Frontline comes in both a spray (for young puppies and kittens) and a topical form. Applied once a month, it is most effective against fleas.

Bravecto+ for Cats: Bravecto+ is a topical flea, tick and heartworm prevention. Applied once every 2 months.

Advantage: for dogs and cats, this is a topical flea and tick preventative

These are just a few of our heartworm/ flea and tick preventatives, talk to your technician today about other options, so we can figure out a plan that works for your family