

Parasite Prevention & 4dx Heartworm & Lyme disease testing.

To prevent parasites in pets and protect yourself and your family, consult your veterinarian for a personalized plan, use preventative medications, practice good hygiene, and keep your pet's environment clean.

Here's a more detailed breakdown of parasite prevention for pet owners:

1. Consult Your Veterinarian:

- **Personalized Plan:**

Discuss your pet's lifestyle, age, and any specific regional risks with your veterinarian to determine the best parasite prevention strategy.

- **Medication Options:**

They can recommend the most effective and convenient options, including oral medications, topical treatments

- **Year-Round Prevention:**

Many parasites are present year-round, so year-round prevention is crucial.

Regular Checkups: Schedule regular vet checkups to discuss parasite prevention and ensure your pet is protected.

2. Use Preventative Medications: Nexgard, Nexgard spectra, Nexgard Combo Feline, Revolution

Seasonal 4dx heartworm and Lyme Blood Test

The 4DX test is a quick, simple blood test that screens for heartworm, Lyme disease, Ehrlichia, and Anaplasma, all diseases transmitted by mosquitoes and ticks, helping to catch potential problems early and ensure your dog's health. Receive discounted blood work with a full purchase of 1 box of the prevention which contains 6 doses. What the 4DX test checks for:

- **Heartworm:**

A parasitic disease transmitted by mosquitoes, heartworms can cause serious heart and lung damage if left untreated.

- **Lyme Disease:**

A bacterial infection transmitted by ticks, Lyme disease can cause joint pain, fever, and lethargy, among other symptoms.

- **Ehrlichia:**

Another tick-borne disease, Ehrlichia can cause fever, lethargy, and bleeding problems.

- **Anaplasma:**

Similar to Ehrlichia, Anaplasma is also transmitted by ticks and can cause similar symptoms, including fever, lethargy, and joint pain.

Why the 4DX test is important:

- **Early Detection:**

The 4DX test allows for early detection of these diseases, which is crucial for effective treatment and a better prognosis.

- **Peace of Mind:**

Knowing if your dog has been exposed to these diseases can provide peace of mind for pet owners.

- **Preventative Measures:**

If your dog tests positive for any of these diseases, your veterinarian can recommend appropriate treatment and preventative measures.

- **Routine Screening:**

The 4DX test is often recommended as part of a dog's annual wellness checkup.

- **Easy and Quick:**

The test is a simple blood draw, and results are usually available quickly.

- **Follow Recommendations:**

Adhere to your veterinarian's recommendations for administering preventative medications, whether oral or topical.

- **Consistent Schedule:**

Establish a regular schedule for administering medications to ensure consistent protection.

- **All-in-One Protection:**

Some products offer protection against multiple parasites, while others target specific ones.

- **Heartworm Prevention:**

Heartworm prevention is especially important, and many monthly preventatives also protect against other parasites.

3. Practice Good Hygiene:

- **Wash Hands:** Wash your hands thoroughly after handling your pet or their waste.
- **Proper Waste Disposal:** Dispose of pet feces promptly and properly.
- **Avoid Contact with Feces:** Discourage children from playing in areas that might be soiled with animal feces.
- **Cover Sandboxes:** Keep sandboxes covered when not in use.

4. Maintain a Clean Environment:

- **Yard Upkeep:** Regularly mow your lawn and remove debris to reduce tick populations.
- **Vacuum Regularly:** Vacuum carpets and pet bedding to remove flea eggs and larvae.
- **Clean Pet Bedding:** Regularly wash pet bedding to remove parasites and their eggs.
- **Grooming:** Regularly groom your pet to check for parasites and remove ticks promptly.

5. Protect Yourself and Your Family:

- **Zoonotic Parasites:**

Be aware that some parasites can be transmitted from pets to humans (zoonotic).

- **Children and Elderly:**

Take extra precautions to protect children and the elderly, who are more vulnerable to parasitic infections.

- **Travel:**

If traveling with your pet, be aware of the parasites prevalent in the area and take appropriate precautions.

- **Tick Checks:**

Inspect your pet for ticks after spending time outdoors, especially in grassy or wooded areas.

- **Food Safety:**

Practice safe food handling procedures to prevent parasite transmission from contaminated food.