

What is heartworm disease?

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets caused by foot-long worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs, and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing severe lung disease, heart failure, and damage to other organs in the body.



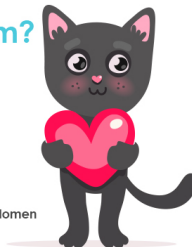
How is heartworm transmitted?

Heartworm is transmitted through mosquito bites.

What are the symptoms of heartworm?



- Coughing
- Asthma-like Attacks
- Periodic Vomiting
- Lack of Appetite
- Weight Loss
- Difficulty Walking
- Fainting or Seizures
- Fluid Accumulation in Abdomen
- Sudden Death



How is a heartworm infection treated?

There is no treatment for feline heartworm disease.



25% of cats infected with heartworm disease are indoors only cats.

Infected cats usually have 6 or fewer worms in their hearts and lungs, but just one or two worms can make a cat very ill.

The average lifespan of heartworms in untreated cats is 2-3 years.

60%-90% of cats exposed to infective heartworm larvae become infected with heartworm disease.

Remember: Use only cat-safe treatments on your cat, as some canine heartworm preventatives are highly toxic to cats.



Feline heartworm can be prevented with the following products:

Preventive Medications

Cats

Product	Animal	Heart Worm	Ticks	Fleas	Round Worms	Whip Worms	Hook Worms	Ear Worms	Tape Worms
Heartgard Cats									
revolution Cats									
advantage(multi)									
INTERCEPTOR PLUS <small>(ivermectin/praziquantel)</small>									