



## Parasite Protection

(NAPSA)—Here are six very important reasons to keep the dog you love safe from parasites:

**1. Parasites can cause suffering.** Hookworms attach to the intestines, where they feed on blood. Roundworms can cause vomiting and diarrhea and can travel to the lungs. Whipworms can cause bloody diarrhea and anemia. Deadly heartworms travel to the heart and lungs, causing pain and severe organ damage.

**2. Parasites are everywhere.** For example, heartworm disease, which was once confined to the southern U.S., is now found in all 50 states.

**3. Parasites can be deadly.** Left untreated, heartworms, hookworms and whipworms can kill your dog.

**4. Parasites can also infect your family.** Roundworms, hookworms and tapeworms are just three parasites that infect both dogs and people.

**5. Parasite prevention is easier on your pet** and far less expensive than treatment.

**6. Parasite protection is remarkably easy.** Often, all it takes is one monthly pill. Learn more at [PetsAndParasites.org](http://PetsAndParasites.org).

Ask your veterinarian for more information about how to protect your dog.

### SIX HIDDEN PARASITES THAT THREATEN YOUR DOG

Are you protecting your dog from harmful parasites?

Some parasites can kill. Heartworms cause painful heart and lung damage and even death. Whipworms too can be deadly.



**1 HEARTWORMS**  
1 infected mosquito is all it takes to give your dog heartworms. Nearly 300,000 outdoor and indoor dogs in the US get potentially deadly heartworms each year.



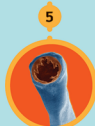
**2 FLEAS**  
1 flea sighting means you may have already have spent months living with eggs and maggot-like larvae in the environment around your home.



**3 TAPEWORMS**  
0 symptoms? Unprotected dogs can have a heavy tapeworm infestation and not show it. Other dogs have weight loss, diarrhea, or a dull coat.



**4 ROUNDWORMS**  
#1 worm Roundworms are the most common worms found in dogs and can be picked up from the environment. Roundworms cause diarrhea, vomiting, stunted growth, and a swollen belly.



**5 HOOKWORMS**  
3 paths are most common for hookworms to enter your pet: penetration of the skin by larvae, ingestion, or from mother to puppy via the milk. This parasite attaches to the intestine, causing internal bleeding and wounds, and severe anemia.



**6 WHIPWORMS**  
7 years later, whipworm eggs can survive in soil where infected dogs defecated. Whipworms can cause bloody diarrhea, weight loss and even death in dogs.

Parasite protection can be simple.

Ask your veterinarian today if your dog is protected against all these parasites. Often it's as easy as one monthly pill.

