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## WORMS, YOUR PETS AND YOUR FAMILY.



Dogs and Cats do pick up both external (fleas) and internal (worms) parasites from the environment in which they exercise and live. Those most at risk from infecting themselves are hunting cats and dogs that like to scavenge while out walking, or working dogs. Puppies and Kittens are often infected with worms and need treating very regularly. Those pets that have been in contact with fleas will almost certainly develop tapeworm from the fleas by eating

them whilst grooming.

*To treat your pets effectively for worms it helps to understand a little about their lifestyle.*

### ROUNDWORMS

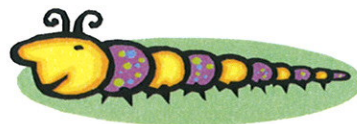
Puppies and kittens are also infected through the mothers' milk. Understandably these worms are a burden to the growing pet.

The eggs are passed in the pet's faeces and it is at this point it can be a risk to people, especially small children. Children are at most risk for two reasons: firstly, they play in areas where cats and dogs may have defecated, (sandpits, lawns and parks); Secondly they are inclined to put their hands in their mouths without washing, thus infecting themselves. Roundworm can cause digestive upsets, asthma and the much publicized blindness if the worm larvae reaches the eye.

### TAPEWORMS

These are the worms that most of us have seen at some stage. Once passed by the pet they appear as 'rice grains' around the pets bottom. Infection in pets is caused most commonly through eating fleas while grooming. Regular preventative flea treatments as well as worming will help to reduce the risk of tapeworm infestation.

### RECOMMENDATIONS



#### *Puppies and Kittens.*

Puppies and Kittens should be wormed regularly. We will make sure you have a suitable regime for your pet. After 6 months of age all pets should be wormed every three months throughout their lives.

#### *Pregnant females and females prior to mating.*

Please ask our veterinary team for information specific to your pet.

We strongly recommend using **MILBEMAX (TABLETS)** or **PROFENDER (SPOT-ON)** these preparations are virtually 100% effective. They are single doses and easy to use.



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