ALL IT TAKES IS ONE PESKY   
INFECTED MOSQUITO  
  
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Your Pet Does NOT Need To Go Outside To Be Bitten By A HEARTWORM INFECTED MOSQUITO!

**HEARTWORM & INTESTINAL PARASITES**

Do You Find Yourself Getting Bitten   
While Eating Dinner Or Watching TV?   
  
If So, Then There Is A Good Chance   
Your Canine Friend Is Being Bitten As Well!  
 **** Heartworm disease, transmitted by mosquitoes, is a potentially fatal condition cause by worms that live in the heart and blood vessels that supply blood to the lungs of infected pets.   
  
 Intestinal parasites present a danger to your pet, inhabiting the intestines and causing inflammation. Diarrhea and even death in puppies.   
  
 Your pet contract them anywhere – on daily walks or even the yard. Some intestinal parasites may also be a danger to you and your family – they can be transmitted from animals to humans.

**We recommend the use of either an oral or topical medication to protect our furry family members:**

- **Oral Medication:** is formulated specifically for dogs, killing intestinal parasites and protecting your pets from heartworm with one chew per month.  
- **Topical Medication:** is formulated specifically for dogs and cats, killing intestinal parasites and protecting your pets from heartworm with one topical dose per month.

**Protect your loved ones by calling 519-893-8937 or emailing us at askthevet@closevetclinic.com and picking up your furry pet’s protection today! Visit our website at** [**www.closevetclinic.com**](http://www.closevetclinic.com) **and like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram at closevetclinic. When booking your appointment, tell us your e-mail! Be sure to take advantage of our new appointment reminder system.**

**See you soon,**

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Did you know?   
  
Fleas** lead very complicated lives for such small pests and can be difficult to get rid of.  Adult fleas spend almost all their time on the pet.  Fleas need to eat frequently, as often as once every 5 minutes, and will not usually leave the host unless forced to by overcrowding or unpleasant conditions such as wetting or bathing.  Adult fleas feed, mate and begin laying eggs approximately 36 hours after hatching. These eggs are small and white and roll off the pet into the house.  A larva will hatch from the egg.  A larva is like a small caterpillar.  Larvae move away from light and will move into carpet, furniture, cracks in hardwood floor, cracks in grout and under baseboards.  These larvae form pupae, a small cocoon like structure.  The adult flea will develop inside this cocoon and then hatch out when signaled by the presence of something warm and breathing, such as an animal or person.  This cycle from egg to adult usually takes about 3-6 weeks but can take longer.  Fleas are usually not detected until after an infestation has been established and cannot be eliminated overnight. While adult fleas are the most noticeable part of an infestation, they are only about 5% of the total fleas present in the home.    
 **We recommend the use of either Bravecto (oral for dogs, topical for cats) or Advantage (topical) to protect our furry family members:**

**FLEAS, FLEAS AND MORE FLEAS…**

**** Both **Bravecto** and **Advantage** are formulated specifically for dogs and cats! Both medications kill the flea cycle and reduce the risk of flea infestation.

** Advantage** kills fleas on contact, so they do not need to bite to die with a once a month application.

**** **Bravecto** kills the full 3 month cycle of fleas with only one chew/topical treatment!

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**Ticks, Ticks and more Ticks…**

Ticks are a hot topic right now in the news. Did you know they present a risk not just to us, but to our pets too? Ticks that can carry Lyme and other diseases are spreading across Canada and have become a major concern in the Kitchener and surrounding areas in the last few years!



**DID YOU KNOW TICKS ARE ACTIVE AT 4⁰C AND ABOVE?**

Ontario has the highest incidence of tick-borne diseases in Canada!

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|  | **YEAR 2017** | **YEAR 2018** |
| **Lyme Positive:** | 1346 | 930 |
| **Anaplasmosis Positive:** | 118 | 87 |
| **Ehrlichiosis Positive:** | 161 | 105 |

**** In 2017 in Ontario, we have had a record number of positive blood tests for the following tick-borne diseases in dogs:

**IS YOUR PET AT RISK?**

**YES, IF:**

* **You live anywhere in Ontario**
* **Your pet goes outside**
* **Your pet goes to areas with tall grass and leaves**

**We recommend the use of either Bravecto (oral for dogs, topical for cats) or K9 Advantix II (topical for dogs) to protect our furry family members:**

**** **Bravecto** is formulated specifically for dogs and cats! Only one chew every 3 months for dogs and one topical treatment every 3 months for cats!

**** **K9 Advantix** is formulated for dogs only. This topical medication is used once a month and kills ticks on contact, so they do not need to bite to die.   
**** Both medications kill ticks and reduce the risk of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, killing all major tick species and fleas, including Blacklegged (Deer) ticks that can carry Lyme disease

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