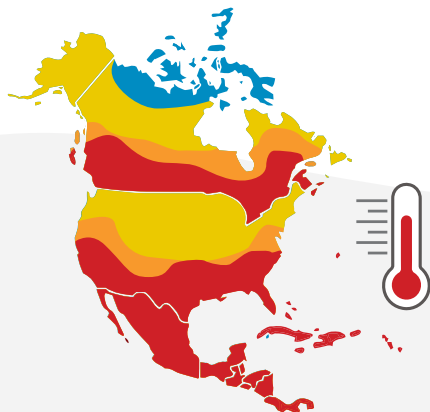


5 Reasons Why Preventing Heartworm Disease **MATTERS**

1. It only takes one mosquito.

When an infected mosquito bites a pet, it transmits the blood-borne parasite that causes heartworm disease into the animal. In areas with high mosquito populations, there are more species of mosquitos that can transmit the disease.



2. Heartworm disease is a growing problem.

While mainly found in areas where mosquitos are prevalent and the environmental temperature is over 50°F (10°C), it has been diagnosed in all 50 states and parts of Canada.

3. Clinical signs usually mean advanced disease.

It can take several years for an infected pet to show signs of heartworm disease. By this time, the disease is usually advanced. This is why regular testing is so important.



4. Treatment can be challenging.

In addition to the risks and the costs of treating heartworm disease, dogs require complete rest to ensure the treatment is as safe and effective as possible. As for cats, there are no approved drugs for treating heartworm disease.

5. Prevention is EASY.

Heartworm disease preventives are strongly recommended and can be given topically, orally or as an injection. Speak to your veterinarian about the best way to prevent heartworm disease in your dog or cat.

