

Worming Your Dog

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Dog Information

Why Worm?

Worming is a very important part of your dog's life. It keeps him or her healthy and prevents the spread of disease through your dog's faeces. Very occasionally, worms from dog's faeces may cause illness in children.

Adult Dogs

If your dog has never been wormed start immediately by consulting your vet and he will prescribe a course of treatment. All dogs in the household must be treated at the same time. Pregnant bitches must undergo a course of treatment to prevent her pups from acquiring worms through her.



Puppies

When you buy a new puppy, check before you take it home that it has been wormed. Most reputable breeders/suppliers will issue you with a certificate of dates on which the puppy has been wormed and a supply of the worming tablets or suspension together with instructions on future worming. If this information is not supplied, you should contact your vet immediately and have the puppy examined thoroughly and ask him for a course of treatment. If you have other dogs you will need treatment for them too.



Treatment

It is normally advisable to worm as follows:-

- Puppies - fortnightly until 12 weeks old, monthly until 6 months old then at 6 monthly intervals for the rest of its life.
- Newly acquired adults - worm fortnightly on 3 occasions and then at 6 monthly intervals for the rest of its life.

The above precautions will help to keep our parks and recreation grounds free from *Toxocara canis* and ensure your dog's continued good health.

Remember that cats also need to be wormed!

Further information can be obtained from your local veterinary surgery.