

Hopefully, your puppy will have received at least one worming treatment from the breeder.

Worming Your Dog

You should continue to treat your puppy for roundworm monthly throughout his/her life and tapeworm depending on your lifestyle. By visiting your Veterinary Surgeon on a monthly basis we can advise you on which worming regime is recommended for your puppy.

It is important to know that due to the lifecycle of the roundworm (*Toxocara*), we should assume that all puppies are infected with roundworm at birth. This worm can be transmitted to people so we must follow a strict worming protocol when bringing a new puppy or dog into our homes.

Worms - the parasite problem inside your pet...

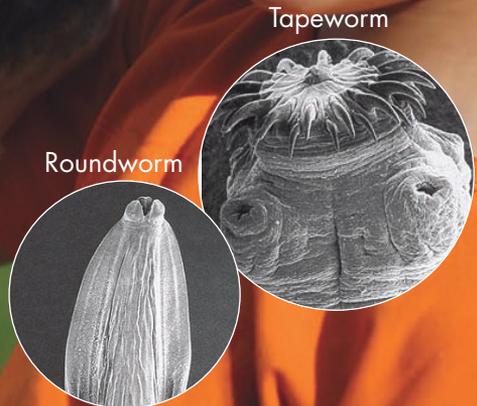
Roundworms Your pet can pick up roundworm eggs from soil that's had dogs pooing on it. *Toxocara* worms can produce infectious eggs, which a dog passes in its stools. These eggs can stay in garden soil, or in sandpits for up to two years and still be infectious to people as well as pets if the eggs are transferred to the mouth and swallowed.

Infective worm eggs can be found on pets' coats as well, so it is really important that you wash your hands after playing with your pet and before eating dinner! Worm larvae can potentially cause permanent damage to your eyesight.

Tapeworms If you see your dog rubbing its rear along the ground, tapeworms could possibly be the reason. Little egg-filled segments of the tapeworm's body crawl out of your pet's bottom. They're only about the size of a large grain of rice, but they really itch! Pets can acquire tapeworms by eating infected mice, birds, or even fleas.

There are different ways to treat your pet for parasites - tablets, injections and, easiest of all, spot-on treatments that you just squeeze onto your dog's neck.

The important thing is planning. Your Veterinary Surgeon will work out a parasite protection plan, especially for your dog, as they know the risks and the right treatments. That way, you can protect your dog, your home and your children.



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