



Parasite Prevention Guidelines

With all the new and improved products on the market for parasite prevention, it can get confusing about which would be the best choice for your pet. We make our recommendations for monthly parasite prevention based on the Companion Animal Parasite Council's latest reports (www.capcvet.org). Here are the highlights of what we recommend:

✓ **Annual Fecal Testing**

Screens for gastrointestinal parasites dewormers won't kill (ie. giardia and coccidia). Fecal testing is also recommended any time a new animal is brought into your household.

✓ **Heartworm Test prior to starting a heartworm preventative, then every 2 years after**

Heartworm is new to this area, but very prevalent in states south of us. It is moving in to this area and is transmitted by mosquitos. It is a life threatening condition that is VERY easy to prevent

✓ **Monthly Deworming**

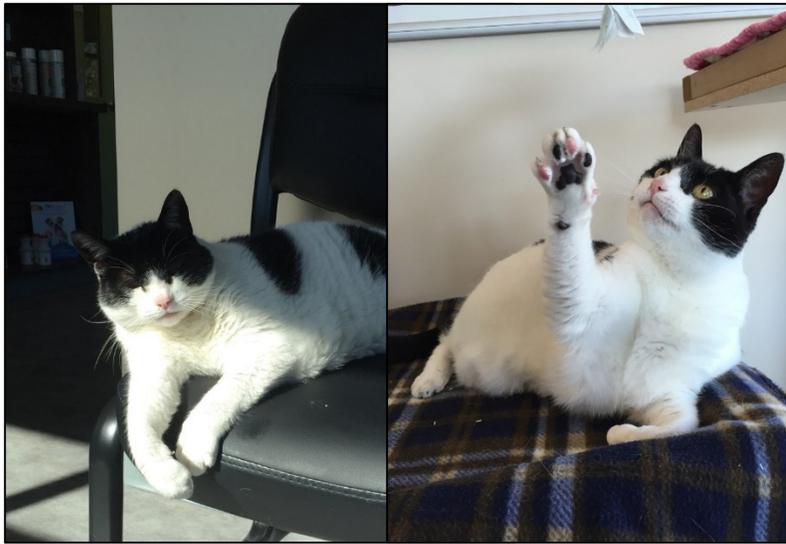
With our mild, wet climate, worms are very prevalent in the Pacific Northwest! They are spread through contact with infected feces and are transmissible to people, especially children and anyone immunocompromised. Wildlife that trek through backyards at night are frequent carriers, and once some of these parasites are in your soil they can take YEARS to get rid of. If your pet is a hunter, they are being exposed to worms on a regular basis!

✓ **Monthly Flea Prevention**

You've likely noticed the increase in fleas with our mild winter weather. Fleas cause severe dermatitis for many pets and their owners. To keep a flea infestation out of your home, all pets should be treated monthly (even if they are indoor only).

	Trifexis (Oral) Monthly DOGS	Sentinel Spectrum (Oral) Monthly DOGS	Nexgard (Oral) Monthly DOGS	Preventic Collar 3 Months DOGS	Revolution (Topical) Monthly CATS
Adult Fleas*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Flea Eggs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ticks*			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Roundworms*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Whipworms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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Tapeworms*		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Heartworms*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ear Mites*					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*Transmit disease or are transmissible to humans



Adoption Ward

This little sweetheart is SUPER social and loves to be with people! Daisy is approximately 7-years-old and enjoys windows, laps, and laser pointers. She would likely do fine with another animal that is mellow and respects her space.

Daisy is up-to-date on vaccines, microchipped, spayed, and FIV/FelV negative. She is available for \$50 through NW Animal Companions. Come on in and check her out today!

We are happy to answer questions about Daisy over the phone: 941-371-4024



Why are cats with orange and black female?

The genes for black and orange coloring are each located on a different "X" chromosome, so a cat must have 2 X chromosomes for this color combination. There is a 1 in 3,000 (0.03%) chance that a male can be born with a black and orange color pattern, thus making him an "XXY" (and sterile).

Planning For Your Pet's Medical Needs

Pet Insurance:

When your pet is sick or injured, you want to be able to make decisions for their care based on what's best medically, not on your finances. Pet insurance allows you to do just that!

Pet insurance has improved a lot in the last couple decades. Here are some questions to ask the company you are considering:

- Is the deductible adjustable so the monthly payment can fit in your budget?
- Are there exclusions based on breed?
- What is the policy on pre-existing conditions? If a dog ruptures his crucial ligament in the knee, some companies will no longer cover the other knee (but some will).

After much research into this topic, we at Viking Veterinary Care highly recommend Trupanion or Pet Plan Pet Insurance companies. **We always offer a 30-day trial, on us, at every annual wellness exam! Please let us know if you are interested.**

Wellness Plans:

Viking Veterinary Care is now offering Wellness Plans! Wellness Plans are designed to help with preventative care. What are the benefits of a Wellness Plan, you ask? **ALL EXAMS FOR THE YEAR ARE FREE!!** Give us a call for more details: 971-371-4024.