



WORMING YOUR CAT & DOG

There are many different types of worms affecting dogs and cats such as roundworm, tapeworm, hookworm, whipworm, lungworm etc.

ROUNDWORMS

Most common in young animals (< 6 months). These are spread directly from one animal to another via microscopic eggs passed in faeces. **EGGS ARE NOT VISABLE, SO NO WORMS IN THE FAECES DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOUR PET HASN'T GOT THEM!**

These worms can also affect young children so regular worming is essential!!!

TAPEWORMS

Common in dogs and cats of all ages. Tapeworms look like rather flattened grains of rice. They are most frequently transmitted via fleas.

Therefore, regular treatment for fleas is necessary to break the cycle!

If your dog is dragging its bottom along the ground it may be worms, but it can also be impacted anal glands – consult your vet if the symptoms persist after worming.

REMEMBER that worms can be very harmful to children, *but cause little symptoms in your pet. Responsible pet ownership means regular worming for your pet as follows:*

PUPPIES AND KITTENS:

Every 2 weeks from 2 weeks until 12 weeks old, then every month until 6 months old, when pets develop a greater resistance to worms.

ADULT DOGS AND CATS:

4 times a year (every 3 months) is advised.

Worming your pet is not only important for your pet, it is also a **public health issue**.

Responsible pet ownership means worming your pet, with a reputable wormer at least four times a year or more often in certain circumstances (pregnancy, presence of children)