



## 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)