

ARE THEY SHARING MORE THAN HUGS?

Intestinal worms can affect the entire family.



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WHAT ARE INTESTINAL WORMS?

Intestinal worms are parasites that can live and grow inside your dog's intestinal tract. The most common types of worms in Canada are **roundworms**, **hookworms** and **whipworms**.



Roundworm



Hookworm



Whipworm

Most dogs show no signs after infection. However some may experience vomiting, loss of appetite, or severe weight loss. Heavy infections in young puppies can even be deadly.

HOW DO DOGS GET INTESTINAL WORMS?



Roundworms, hookworms and whipworms start off as eggs, which can be left by infected dogs in soil, sand and other outdoor areas. After your dog is near a contaminated area, they can accidentally pick up these eggs, which then mature into adult worms inside their own body.

Since intestinal worm eggs are microscopic in size, it can be difficult to know if you or your dog are in a contaminated area.

Because intestinal worms can also pass from pets to people, it's important to make sure your dog or puppy is protected.

HOW ARE INTESTINAL WORMS DANGEROUS TO PEOPLE?

Roundworms and hookworms can be passed from dogs to people, and cause serious health problems.

When roundworms enter you or your child's body, they travel through the liver, lungs, and other organs. Roundworms may cause damage to these tissues and can sometimes affect the nerves or eyes. In some cases, they may even cause permanent damage or blindness.



Roundworms can affect the eye, causing a condition called '*ocular larva migrans*', which may result in loss of vision.

If you or your child get hookworms, these can invade the skin causing inflammation. One type of hookworm can even penetrate deeper into people's tissues, causing more serious damage to the intestines and other organs.



Hookworms can move through the skin, leaving extremely itchy and red marks in a condition called '*cutaneous larva migrans*'.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MY DOG AND MY FAMILY?



To help avoid intestinal worm infections:

- Learn to recognize and avoid possibly contaminated soil, sand, plants and other areas. Teach children to do the same.
- Keep play areas, lawns and gardens around your home free of animal waste. Collect and properly dispose of all pet waste.
- Always pick up after your pet, at home and wherever they walk.

To help prevent and treat intestinal worm infections:

- Have puppies dewormed by your veterinarian at an early age.
- Start and stay with a regular preventive deworming program.

Some deworming products like **NexGard SPECTRA™** provide protection against internal and external parasites. Ask your veterinarian for the product that works best for your dog and family.



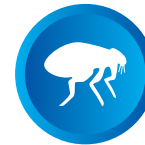
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