

Pet's Name _____

Date _____



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Your Pet's Fecal Examination

Today we performed a fecal examination on your pet. We checked for the following parasites:



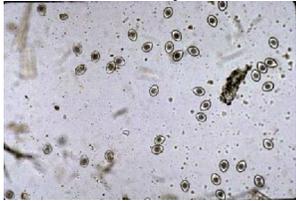
Roundworms Roundworms are common worms found in dogs and cats. Pets contract the worms from eggs in the animal's environment, ingested prey, or, in puppies and kittens, from mother's milk. They can cause vomiting, diarrhea, bloating, and stunted growth. These worms are contagious to humans and other animals. If your pet has these worms, it should receive two doses of wormer three weeks apart to eliminate the parasite. A regular preventative may be needed due to contamination of the pet's environment.

Hookworms Hookworms are common worms found in dogs and cats. Pets contract worms from eggs in the environment, ingested prey, or, in puppies and kittens, from mother's milk. They cause mild to severe diarrhea, weakness, weight loss, and dehydration. In severe cases, a fatal anemia can result. These worms are contagious to humans and other animals. If your pet has these worms, it should receive two doses of wormer three weeks apart to eliminate the parasite. A regular preventative may be needed due to contamination of the pet's environment.



Whipworms Whipworms are a less common worm that only effect dogs. Dogs contract the worm from eggs in the dog's environment. Whipworms can cause weight loss, mild to severe sporadic diarrhea, electrolyte imbalances, and loss of appetite. The worms are contagious to other dogs but do not effect people. If your pet has these worms, they need very specific wormers to eliminate the parasites, and a regular preventative is required because the eggs live in the pet's environment for 2 years.

Coccidia Coccidia is a one-celled parasite that may be seen in cats or dogs. It is contracted by coming in contact with coccidian eggs in the pet's environment. Coccidia can cause vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, loss of appetite, and dehydration. It most commonly effects pet's under one year of age or animals with a weak immune system. Coccidia is contagious to other animals but not to humans. There are a variety of drugs that can be used to treat your pet for this parasite.



Giardia Giardia is a one-celled parasite that can effect dogs or cats. It is contracted from stagnant water in the pet's environment or feces from an infected animal. Giardia causes diarrhea and may cause some weight loss. It is contagious to other pets and to people. There are a several drugs we can use to treat your pet for this parasite. This parasite is not always seen on a stool sample when it is present.

Tapeworms Tapeworms are a worm that is sometimes seen on a stool sample. More often it is seen as tiny rice-like segments around the pet's rectum or on their bedding. The most common tapeworm is contracted by eating fleas. It rarely causes problems in cats and dogs, but is unpleasant to see. Tapeworms are not directly contagious to other animals or humans; therefore, you only need to treat the effected pet. A one time dose of specific wormers are needed to eliminate this parasite.



Other parasites such as toxoplasmosis, lungworms, stomach, and esophageal worms although rare may be seen on a fecal examination.

Your Pet's Result _____

Action Taken _____

Recommended Recheck _____