

National Heartworm Prevention Month

Protect Your Dogs!

Heartworms are parasites transmitted by infected mosquitoes. Heartworm disease is serious and can result in severe lung disease, heart failure, and death. Adult heartworms live in the heart, lungs, and nearby blood vessels.

The good news is it is preventable!

What are the symptoms?

Prevention is critical because dogs can show no symptoms of heartworm disease. Mild to moderate symptoms include an occasional cough, persistent cough, tiredness after activity and difficult breathing.

How is it diagnosed?

Heartworm tests are performed on a blood sample to test for a certain protein (called an antigen) that comes from an adult female heartworm. The earliest that the proteins can be detected in a dog's bloodstream is about 5 months AFTER the dog is bitten by an infected mosquito.

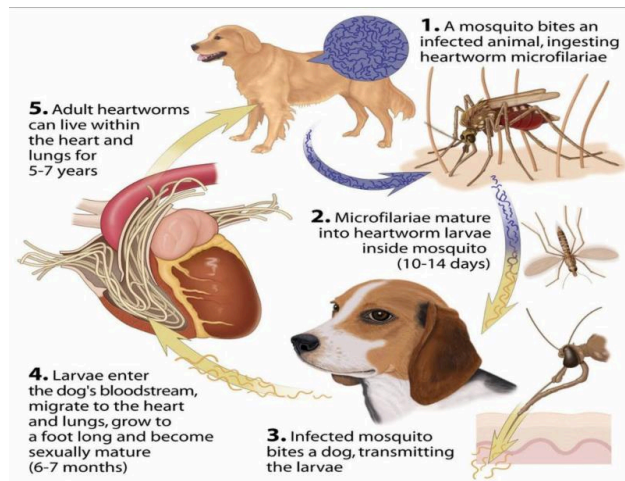
When should a dog be tested?

Dogs **7 months of age and older** should be tested annually.

How can I prevent the disease?

Dogs should be on a monthly preventative year-round because mosquitoes can live in our environment and household even during winter months.

We offer heartworm tests for only \$20 and monthly preventative for reasonable prices at the time of surgery and at our Friday vaccine clinics. You can make an appointment on our website, ucancincinnati.org.



Leave a Lasting Legacy

Let your last act be kindness.

Everyone deserves the unconditional love, companionship, and health benefits that a pet provides. Families should never be forced to give up a beloved pet because of temporary financial hardship, homelessness, or domestic abuse.

You can leave a legacy to help ensure pets are kept where they belong - in their loving home.

Anyone can make a bequest, and no amount is too small. There are several simple ways to accomplish a life-saving legacy:

- **Bequest in Will:** Make a gift to UCAN in your Will. You can leave a specific amount or the remainder (or a portion of the remainder) of your estate after other bequests are satisfied. Here is



some suggested language: "I give to United Coalition for Animals (UCAN), an Ohio nonprofit corporation, (the sum of \$____) (all or ____ percent of my residual estate) to be used for its general purposes."

- Charitable Trust: If you have a charitable trust for tax purposes, you can name UCAN as a beneficiary under the trust.
- Life Insurance: Name UCAN as the beneficiary under a life insurance policy.
- Retirement or Financial Account: Name UCAN as the primary or contingent beneficiary under your retirement plan and/or brokerage, money market, savings, checking, or other accounts that allow transfer on death (TOD) or payment on death (POD) designations.

It is important to select the gift that is right for you by discussing it with your professional financial or legal advisor.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity, and our EIN number is 30-0024366.

Thank you!

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More than
20 million pets
live in poverty **with**
their families in
the U.S.

Three times
as many pets
live in poverty as
enter shelters
every year.

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living in poverty
have **never seen a**
veterinarian.

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