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DOGS

Option 1: Topical



Advantage Multi
May 1 - November 1

- ✓ Flea control
- ✓ Intestinal Parasite control
- ✓ Heartworm control



- +/- Tick Prevention
- ✓ Advantix
- ✓ Preventic collar



Option 2: Oral

Triflexis
(spinosad + milbemycin oxime)



May 1 - November 1

- ✓ Intestinal Parasite control
- ✓ Heartworm control
- ✓ Flea control



CATS

Revolution or Advantage Multi
May 1 - November 1



Ticks



Ticks are being seen in ever increasing numbers in our area. Not only are ticks uncomfortable and unpleasant they can transmit diseases including Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis and Ehrlichiosis.

Ticks are primarily a problem in the spring (mid-April to late June). There is sometimes a fall bloom of ticks in September and October.

We recommend using a tick preventative if your pet is at risk, for example: walks through long grass, spends a significant amount of time outdoors, or has had ticks in the past.

To prevent ticks we recommend one of two products;

- Preventic Collars – Effective for up to 90 days.
- Advantix – Topical product applied monthly, kills all major ticks and fleas.

Please ask our Veterinarians about dogs with significant tick exposure. Vaccination against Lyme disease may be warranted.

Fleas



Fleas are by far the most common external parasite we see. Fleas are a common cause of itching, and dermatitis in dogs and cats. With shorter, milder winters we are finding the flea season is getting longer. We recommend flea control from May 1 until Nov 1. Year-round flea prevention may be warranted for multi-pet households and for patients with a history of chronic flea problems and flea allergy dermatitis.

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

Heartworm



Heartworm is a parasitic disease spread by mosquitoes. If your dog or cat is bitten by a mosquito carrying heartworm your pet can develop worms inside of their heart. If the heartworm infection goes undetected it can be fatal to your pet. We live in a heartworm endemic area. The highest number of reported cases of heartworm in Ontario come from the Niagara Region every year. The transmission period for heartworm is from June 1 to November 1.

Heartworm prevention:

- Topical – Advantage Multi, Revolution
- Orals – Interceptor, Trifexis

Intestinal Parasites



The most common types of intestinal parasites are roundworms and hookworms. They live and grow inside the intestine of your pet. Dogs and cats infected with these worms contaminate their surroundings by passing eggs and larvae in their feces. These eggs and larvae are very resilient and can survive in areas such as parks, playgrounds and yards. People get roundworm and hookworm infections through direct contact with infected feces. This usually happens through accidental ingestion of contaminated soil. Children are at most risk because of their tendency to put dirty hands in their mouths. Roundworm and hookworm infection can cause serious disease in people including permanent nerve damage and blindness.

Prevention of Intestinal Parasites

Due to the milder, shorter winters the period of time when your pet could pick up an intestinal parasite is getting longer. We would recommend as a minimum to have your pet on an intestinal parasite preventative from May 1 to Nov 1. Because of the potential risk of human exposure to these parasites it would not be wrong to keep your pet on a year-round intestinal de-wormer.

- Oral – Interceptor, Trifexis
- Topical – Advantage Multi

