

Peace of Mind

As a responsible pet owner, you need to be concerned about keeping your pet parasite free. The reasons include: your pet's health depends on it, your family's health may depend on it, other animals in the community depend on it and because parasites are gross and disgusting.

Parasites in or on your pet can cause:

- Mild to severe allergies
- Anemia (blood loss)
- Organ Damage
- Nutrient loss
- Toxin accumulations

Parasites can be passed to your family and possibly lead to:

- Liver and lung disease
- Digestive problems
- Blindness
- Skin irritation and wounds

Your pet's parasites are a source of infection to other animals, thus feeding a vicious cycle.

You must know that proper care of you pet requires that he/she receive a parasite preventive **EVERY MONTH OF HIS/HER LIFE!!** Which preventive you use depends upon your pet's lifestyle and you veterinarian's advice, but it is our strong recommendation that you begin immediately if your pet is not currently taking a monthly preventive.

Our veterinarian will want to make certain that your pet is not harboring any of the most common parasites prior to the start of a lifetime preventive program, so unless you own a puppy or a kitten, we urge you to allow us to run a fecal exam for intestinal parasites and a heartworm exam to check for the presence of heartworms. If your pet is currently receiving a monthly parasite preventive, thank you. If you want to start your pet on a preventive today, discuss your options with our staff. If, after reading this, you have more questions about the risks and prevention of parasites, we have more resources available for you to read.

Because parasite prevention is so important for your pet, community and you family, we request verification that you have read the preceding information and hold harmless St. Francis' Pet Hospital for any medical incidents resulting from not following the strong recommendation that your pet should be on a monthly parasite preventive program.

Owner _____ Date _____