

Parasites and Your Pets

All dogs and cats are vulnerable to parasites. Heartworms, flea bites, mosquito bites, wild animal bites, fecal matter, and more can all infect your dog or cat with a parasite. Without treatment, parasites are a danger to your pet's health and potential your own.

Common Internal Parasites:

- **Heartworms** – Heart failure or sudden death with no warning can occur anytime. Prevention is the only way to avoid heartworms.
- **Internal parasites** – Both dogs and cats can get internal parasites from flea bites, mosquito bites, wild animals, and feces they encounter while away from home.
- **Symptoms include** – diarrhea, perhaps with blood; weight loss; dry hair; worms in stool; lethargic behavior; coughing and vomiting. In some cases dogs or cats with worms may display few or no symptoms.
- **Risk to your family** – Cat Scratch Fever and some other types of worms can be transmitted to your family, particularly small children.

Ticks and Fleas – Protect your Dog and Cat

Fleas cause irritation & dermatitis

Does your cat or dog have fleas? Take action before pet and your home are at risk. Skin irritation, hair loss, and anemia are common results of a flea infested pet and home.

Ticks cause diseases

Does your cat or dog like to play in the woods, grass, and water? Of course they do – unless you have indoor only animals. Ticks make their homes in areas exactly like these. If your cat or dog is bitten, they could contract a serious illness – most common are Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.