

Heartworm Testing is a MUST!

Heartworm disease is a serious threat that causes cardiovascular weakness and lung incapacity. Caused by *Dirofilaria immitis*, these worms plug up blood vessels, which places an increased workload on the heart along with restricted blood flow to the lungs, kidneys and liver. This can eventually lead to multiple organ failure, including heart failure and death. Visible signs of the disease often do not appear before the infection has caused significant and irreversible internal damage. As part of an annual physical examination, your veterinarian can perform a simple test to detect heartworm disease and prescribe an easy-to-use preventive.