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Heartworms, Fleas, and Ticks oh my!!



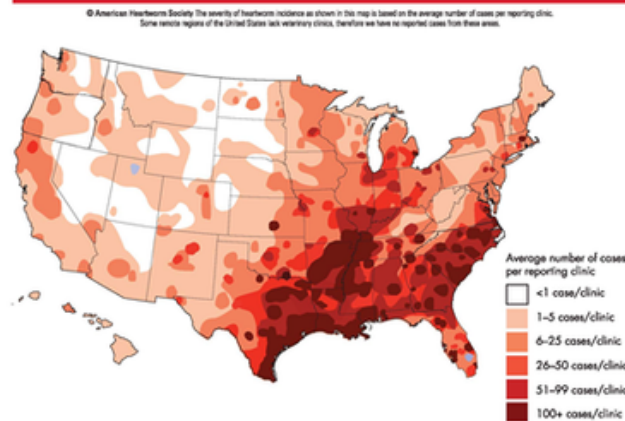
Spring is just around the corner!! With Springtime comes our “favorite” creepy crawlers, and they can carry diseases.

Fleas, ticks, and mosquitos pose a very real risk to animal and human health. Some of the diseases that fleas and ticks can transmit from animals to humans (zoonotic diseases)

include Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, baronella bacteria infections, and others. Mosquito’s are the little buggers responsible for transmitting heartworms to our beloved pets, as well as other diseases to humans. That’s why it’s critical to protect your pets from these pesky parasites and keep creepy crawlers out of your home.

Michigan is a hot spot for heartworm infections with some areas seeing over 100 cases per veterinary clinic! And, if you travel with your pet, you may be vacationing in a hot spot and not even know it. Keep your pets on a good heartworm, flea, and tick prevention all year round! Call to schedule an appointment today for your pet to see Dr. Dubs, get tested for heartworms and other diseases, and get your pet on a good prevention to keep them, and you, protected and healthy.

2022 HEARTWORM INCIDENCE



Toxic plants to watch out for as the weather gets warmer!!

- Aloe Vera
- Amaryllis
- Caster Bean
- Chrysanthemum
- Cyclamen
- Corn Plant
- Daphne
- Dogbane
- English Ivy
- Foxglove
- Golden Pothos
- Poinsettia
- Rhododendron and Azalea
- Rosary Pea
- Sago Palm
- Schefflera
- Stinging Nettle
- Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Plant
- Yew Bush
- Hibiscus
- Hyacinth and Tulip (especially the bulbs)
- Hydrangea
- Kalanchoe
- Lilies: Daylily, Gloriosa Lily, Lily-of-the-Valley, Peace Lily, True Lily
- Mother-in-Law Tongue
- Mountain Laurel
- Narcissus, Daffodil, Paperwhite, and Jonquil
- Oleander
- Philodendron

If your pet has ingested anything toxic, contact one of the following:
the Pet Poison Helpline at 855-764-7661
OR the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435

Highly Recommended Preventions!!



Flea, tick, and heartworm all in !!!



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I have been in the veterinary field since 2012. In the summer of 2011, I graduated from Baker College of Flint earning my associates degree in veterinary technology. I have continued my education through attendance of various seminars and online courses. I love to educate clients about the best care for their pets and to explain the reasons why we make the recommendations that we do. I am the proud owner of three dogs named Sissy, Harley, and Violet. I also have four cats named Casanova, Thumbelina, Weasley, and Domino. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, reading and spending time with family and friends.

