

Veterinary Guidelines for Deworming Protocol

Strategic deworming is a practice recommended by the American Association of Veterinary Pathologists and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The following protocol is recommended to minimize exposure of ***our pets and ourselves*** to various parasitic diseases.



Puppies and Kittens

- Deworm **every 2-3 weeks** until they are 3 months old
- Then deworm then **every month** until they are 6 months of age

Adult Dogs and Cats

- Deworm **every 3 months (4 times each year)** based on parasite exposure and incubation periods of various parasites

Pregnant Dogs

- Deworm once prior to mating
- Once at whelping (giving birth)
- Then at 2 and 4 weeks after whelping

Pregnant Cats

- Should be dewormed at the same time as kittens

Newly Acquired Dogs and Cats

- **Deworm immediately and then repeat the deworming in 2-3 weeks.**
- After initial dewormings, follow the guidelines above