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Why is it important to treat your pet for worms?

- Worms can be **very harmful to children**, but cause little symptoms in your pet.
- Worming your pet is not only important for your pet; it is also a public health issue.
- Responsible pet ownership means worming your pet, with a reputable wormer at least four times a year or more often in certain circumstances.

There are many different types of worms affecting dogs and cats. They can be divided into two main categories:

Roundworms

- Roundworms are most common in young animals (< 6 months).
- They are spread directly from one animal to another via microscopic eggs passed in faeces.
- The eggs may **not be visible**, so no worms in the faeces does not mean that your pet hasn't got them.
- These worms can also affect young children so regular worming is essential.

Tapeworms

- Common in dogs and cats of all ages.
- Tapeworms look like rather flattened grains of rice.
- They are most frequently transmitted via fleas.
- Regular **treatment for fleas is necessary** to break the cycle.

If your dog is dragging its bottom along the ground it may be worms. It could also be impacted anal glands – please consult with us if symptoms persist after worming.

Other Worms: Lungworm, Hookworm, and Heartworm

How to treat puppies and kittens for worms

- Every two weeks up to 12 weeks.
- Every month until your pet is six months old.
- After 6 months we may, depending on your pets lifestyle be able to reduce the frequency of dosing.

How to treat adult dogs and cats for worms

- Depending on your pets lifestyle this can range between 1 month & 3 months.
- Please ask one of our trained staff members for advice.

If you have any questions about any of our services or you would like to book in for a consultation, get in touch by phone [\(021\) 489 3033](tel:0214893033) or email contact@animalcarehospital.ie