



**EVERGREEN
ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

Full-Service Small Animal Hospital

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HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE FOR CATS

Heartworm Disease in cats is caused by worms living in the heart and major arteries of the lungs. It is transmitted by the bite of a mosquito and is caused by the dog heartworm, *Dirofilaria Immitis*. The most common symptoms include the following:

- **No signs, sudden death**
- **Weight Loss**
- **Vomiting**
- **Coughing and difficult breathing**

Cats and kittens, even those that live strictly indoors, can get heartworm disease. This disease was first diagnosed in Brazil in 1921 and is a clinical problem worldwide with increasing incidence.

There is **no approved treatment** for removal of cat heartworms as in the dog, but there is a preventative that is safe and 100% effective.

There are 2 different forms of heartworm preventative that are simple to administer:

HEARTGARD - oral meat-based chewable given once monthly.

or

REVOLUTION - topical medicine applied directly to the skin once monthly.

Our hospital strongly recommends that you start your cat on heartworm preventative once a month to prevent heartworm disease as well as control intestinal parasites.

ACCEPTANCE

I hereby authorize the staff of Evergreen Animal Hospital to prescribe heartworm preventative.

REFUSAL

I choose not to have my pet started on heartworm preventative. I understand the risks involved to my pet's health in so refusing.

Owner signature

Date

Pet's name