

Zoonotic Intestinal Parasites

What is Zoonotic Disease?

Any infectious disease that can be transmitted from animals to humans

- Roundworms
- Hookworms

How did my pet become infected with Roundworms and/or Hookworms?

Pets can become infected by round & hookworms starting during the developmental stages in an infected mothers uterus. These worms can also be passed to the young from an infected mother during the nursing process. These worms can also be contracted through the soil in the pets environment.

How do I treat my pet for Roundworms and/or Hookworms?

Routine microscopic fecal checks by your veterinarian will help the detection of Roundworms and Hookworms. Signs and symptoms sometimes seen by pet owners are vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, and lethargy. As puppies & kittens a routine dewormer will help rid your precious little one of these pesky parasites. A monthly dewormer will help in the management of Roundworm and Hookworm infestations.

How do Roundworms and/or Hookworms effect me and my family?

Roundworms & Hookworms are resilient and can live in many areas that you and your family may play and visit such as parks, playgrounds and even your back yard. People can become infected through direct contact with contaminated soil and sand. Once ingested and left untreated the worms will travel throughout the body wandering through different organs. Roundworms can cause permanent nerve or eye damage, even blindness. Hookworms can be just as damaging, penetrating into deep tissues and organs.

How can I protect my family?

Routine Screens and have your pet dewormed regularly by your Veterinarian and started on a preventive drug program. Keep play areas around your home free of animal waste and cover sandboxes when not in use.