



**Murray Bridge  
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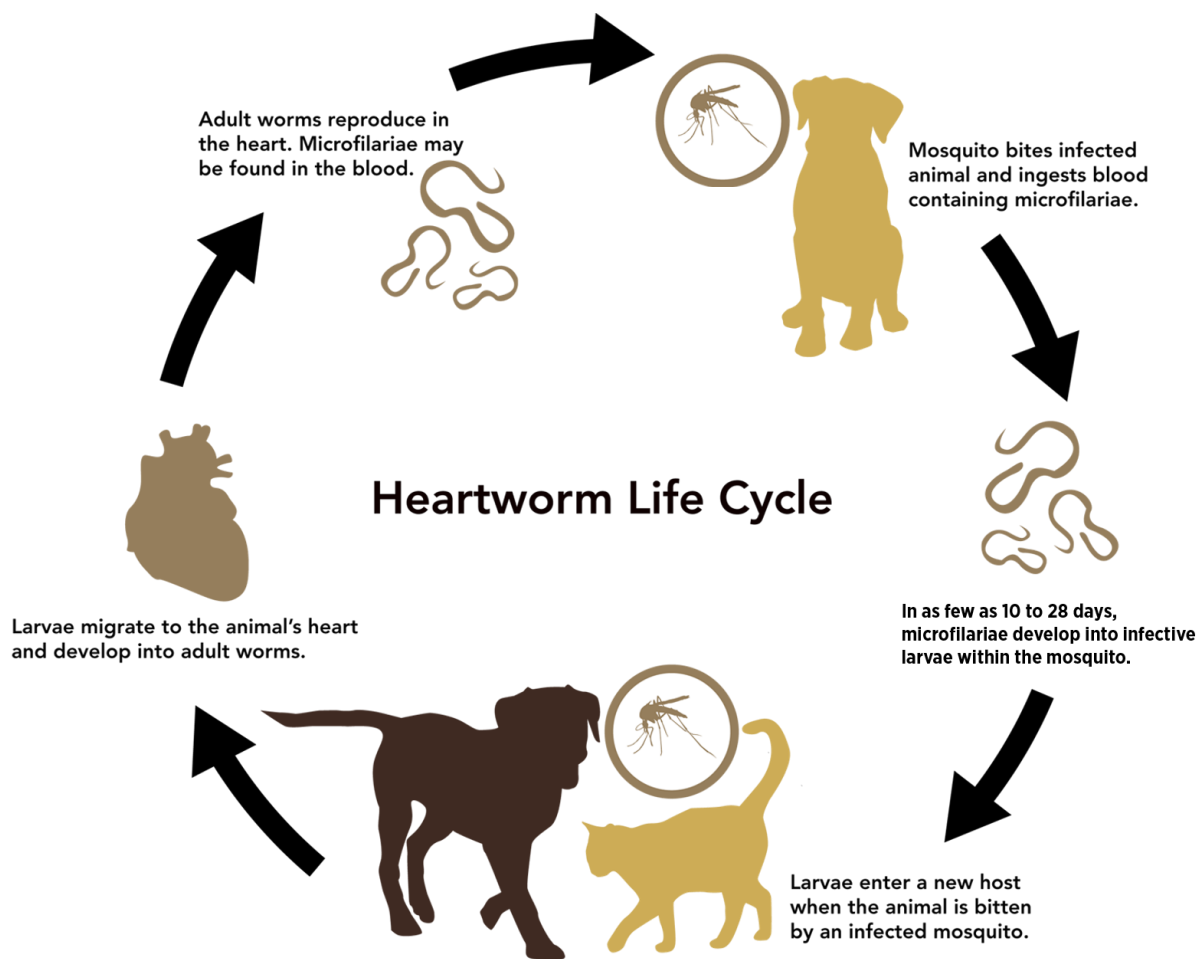
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# Heartworm

## Protecting your pets from Heartworm

Heartworm is a serious disease that is spread by mosquitoes. Your pet does not have to be in contact with other animals to contract this disease. This worm has the potential to cause heart failure and death in dogs and cats. Routine intestinal worm treatments do not provide cover against heartworm. The prevalence of heartworm disease varies throughout Australia and the Murray Bridge Veterinary Clinic recommends that all dogs and cats are on a heartworm preventative. There are several reliable products available from the clinic to prevent heartworm disease in your furry friends.



Please turn over to see how you can protect your pets from heartworm

### **Options for dogs**

- Flavoured chewable tablets which are easy to give to your dog.
- Small oral tablets
- Spot on treatments which are easy to apply to the back of the neck, great if your dog dislikes tablets
- Once a year injection given by your veterinarian, great if you have a busy schedule and are likely to forget monthly treatments

Some of the treatments also provide protection against intestinal worms, fleas, ticks and mites

The staff at Murray Bridge Veterinary Clinic can advise which products are all safe to use on pregnant and lactating bitches and in puppies from a young age.

### **Options for cats**

- Small oral tablets
- Spot on treatments which are easy to apply to the back of the neck, great if your cat dislikes tablets

Some of the treatments also provide protection against intestinal worms, fleas, and mites

The staff at Murray Bridge Veterinary Clinic can advise which products are safe to use on pregnant and lactating queens and in kittens from a young age.

Please note: If your pet is over the age of 6 months of and starting a heartworm preventative for the first time, a quick and simple blood test is required to be performed at the clinic. This will ensure your pet doesn't already have a heartworm infestation.

Ensuring you have the correct weight for your pet is very important when purchasing a heartworm preventative.

Please bring your pet into the clinic and use our pet scales next time their preventative is due.

Let our trained veterinary and nursing staff find the right product for your pets. You can be assured our training provides us with the knowledge needed when choosing safe parasite control.

We also have the support of the products manufactures representatives.



If you have any further questions please make an appointment with your Veterinarian or ask one of our friendly staff members.