

Heartworm Disease

Heartworms are large worms that can live in the heart and large vessels of infected dogs. Dogs become infected through contact with a mosquito carrying the heartworm larvae. Treatment to eliminate adult heartworms is both dangerous and costly, involving administration of highly toxic medications. Preventative medications are the best means of ensuring that your dog does not contract this debilitating disease. Southeastern Washington is currently **not** an endemic area for heartworms; therefore, prevention may not be necessary for all pets. **If you travel with your dog**, please talk to your veterinarian about the threat of heartworm disease in the area you are visiting.

Microchipping

A small microchip is easily placed under your pet's skin by your veterinarian. A special scanner can read the hidden microchip revealing an individual identification number unique to your pet. Scanners to read the microchips are owned by veterinarians, shelters, and humane societies nationwide. Nametags can be lost and tattoos can fade, but a microchip can help find your lost pet for life.



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Owner's name: _____

Pet's name: _____

Date of birth: _____