

# Happy 4th of July!



Clovis Pet Hospital  
NEWSLETTER



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Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Happy Birthday America!

## HEARTWORM DISEASE IS COMPLETELY PREVENTABLE!

Heartworm disease is a serious disease that results in severe lung disease, heart failure, other organ damage, and death in pets, mainly dogs, cats, and ferrets. It is caused by a parasitic worm called *Dirofilaria immitis*. The worms are spread through the bite of a mosquito. The dog is the definitive host, meaning that the worms mature into adults, mate, and produce offspring while living inside a dog. The mosquito is the intermediate host, meaning that the worms live inside a mosquito for a short transition period in order to become infective (able to cause heartworm disease). The worms are called "heartworms" because the adults live in the heart, lungs, and associated blood vessels of an infected animal. YUCK!!!!

Good NEWS!!!  
IT'S PREVENTABLE!!!!!!

## Heartworm Prevention Discounts/Rebates

- 50% OFF Heartworm Tests with the purchase of Heartworm Prevention
- REBATES
  - Heartgard/Nexgard
  - Trifexis
  - Interceptor Plus
- All purchases receive an Instant entry in our drawing to win this Coleman Travel BBQ!!!



## Summer Hazard WARNINGS!

Your pet can overheat in a hurry. Dogs and cats can't regulate their body heat as efficiently as humans can, because most of their sweat glands are confined to the pads of their feet. Panting is your pet's primary means of regulating body temperature. Flat-faced pets can't pant as effectively as breeds with longer noses, so they have even less ability to cool their bodies down.



In addition to overheating, your pet can also become dehydrated very rapidly. Make sure your pet has a constant source of fresh, clean drinking water.

If your pet will be outside in the heat for any period, they should have access to a completely shaded area and plenty of cool drinking water. Make sure your dog or cat is indoors when the temp climbs to 90°F or above.

If you or your family spends time in the yard on summer days or evenings, and your dog (or adventurous kitty) doesn't like being stuck indoors, you can turn on the hose or sprinkler to cool off your pet. You can also fill a children's small plastic wading pool with water and encourage your pet to sit or lie in it to cool off. Exercise your dog either in the early morning or

evening when the temperature is coolest. Try to stay in the shade during daylight hours, and no matter the time of day, don't overdo outdoor exercise or play sessions. Even on an overcast day or in the evening, a long period of physical exertion in hot weather can cause heatstroke in your dog.

Don't allow your dog or cat to stand, walk or rest on hot outdoor surfaces like sidewalks or parking lots. Your dog's or kitty's paws, belly or hindquarters can sustain burns from hot concrete.

Remember, your pet is closer to the ground and the ground is much hotter than the air. Just walking on hot pavement can cause him to overheat.

Never under any circumstances leave your pet in a parked vehicle on a hot day. Your car or truck cab can become a furnace very quickly, even with the windows open, and can cause a fatal case of heatstroke in your beloved pet.

Thank you for letting us care for your furry family members,  
Clovis Pet Hospital Staff



