



# JONESVILLE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## **Post Heartworm Treatment Instructions For Your Dog**

Your pet has undergone treatment for Heartworm Disease. There may be some muscle soreness in his/her lower back as a result of the injections administered in this area for the heartworm treatment. The soreness usually resolves within 3-7 days after the treatment. Please administer the prescribed medication to relieve the discomfort. If swelling develops in the lower back area, please call.

It is critical that your pet be kept under strict exercise restriction and confinement for 4 weeks after each phase of the heartworm treatment. Life threatening complications may arise if your pet is not confined. Specifically, your dog should not be allowed to run loose, play with other dogs, or go for any long walks. Your pet should remain on a leash at all times when outside. If your dog normally lives outdoors, you will need to confine your dog to a large cage or pen, placed in a safe area that is sheltered and temperature regulated. The pen should be no larger than 8x8 feet so your dog is kept from running around in the pen.

Please monitor your pet closely and call immediately if you notice any of the following:

- Coughing
- Lethargy or Listlessness
- Decreased appetite
- Vomiting

If your pet has received the first injection of the three injection heartworm treatment, then you will need to schedule a follow up appointment in 1 month to administer the final two injections of the heartworm treatment. Your pet will stay overnight at that time. If your pet has received the final two injections of the heartworm treatment today, then your pet will need to return in 6 months to have a follow up heartworm test performed.

At this point, your pet must continue on the monthly heartworm preventative year round to prevent re infection with heartworms. Please feel free to call the office anytime you have questions or concerns.