



Heartworm Aftercare Instructions

Your dog has been treated with medication to kill heartworms. It is important for you to follow these guidelines for post-treatment care. If you do not, you place your dog's health at risk.

1. Strict rest for two months
 - a. No rough-housing, no running, no exercise
 - b. Short walks on a leash to relieve itself is allowed
2. Feed your dog a normal diet
 - a. Remember that reduced exercise means fewer calories to maintain weight.
3. Use medications as directed
4. If any of the following occur, please call the clinic:
 - a. Severe coughing
 - b. Coughing up blood
 - c. Lethargy, listlessness, or collapse
 - d. Loss of appetite
5. Do not pat, rub, or push along lower back due to injection site sensitivity
6. Follow-up visit
 - a. Give second and third heartworm treatment 30 days after first treatment
 - b. Continue an ivermectin-based monthly heartworm prevention throughout the treatment process
 - c. Do heartworm test 6 months after last treatment
7. Call if you have any questions or concerns