

City living turns up the **HEAT** for heartworms.

More than **8 in 10** Americans and their pets live in urban areas, where the threat of heartworm to pets continues well after "cooler" seasons arrive.

Here's why:

Buildings trap radiant energy in **heat islands** where mosquitoes can survive.

Heartworm transmission can continue in protected urban spaces even when "official" temps fall below freezing.

Heat released from burning fossil fuels raises urban temperatures.

Buildings, streets and parking lots absorb and re-emit the sun's heat.

Because mosquitoes are skilled at staying warm, heartworms can be a **4-season** problem.

City temperatures can be **10–20 degrees** warmer than non-urban areas.

ADD IT UP!

- + Heartworms are spread by mosquitoes.
- + Warmer temperatures extend mosquito survival and the threat of heartworms.
- + Protect your pets **ALL** year long!