

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

More than **8 in 10** Americans live in urban areas, where the threat of heartworms to their pets continues well after "cooler" seasons arrive. Here's why:

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

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

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

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

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

Heat released from burning fossil fuels raises urban temperatures.

ADD IT UP:

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