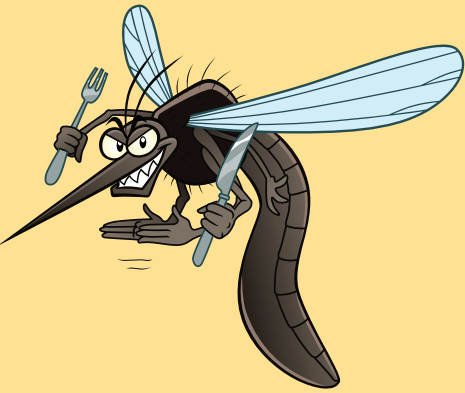


The *DEADLY* Combination of Heartworms & Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes are recognized as the **WORLD'S DEADLIEST ANIMAL** and they threaten the lives and health of both people and pets. **HEARTWORM DISEASE** is a leading mosquito-borne threat to both dogs and cats.

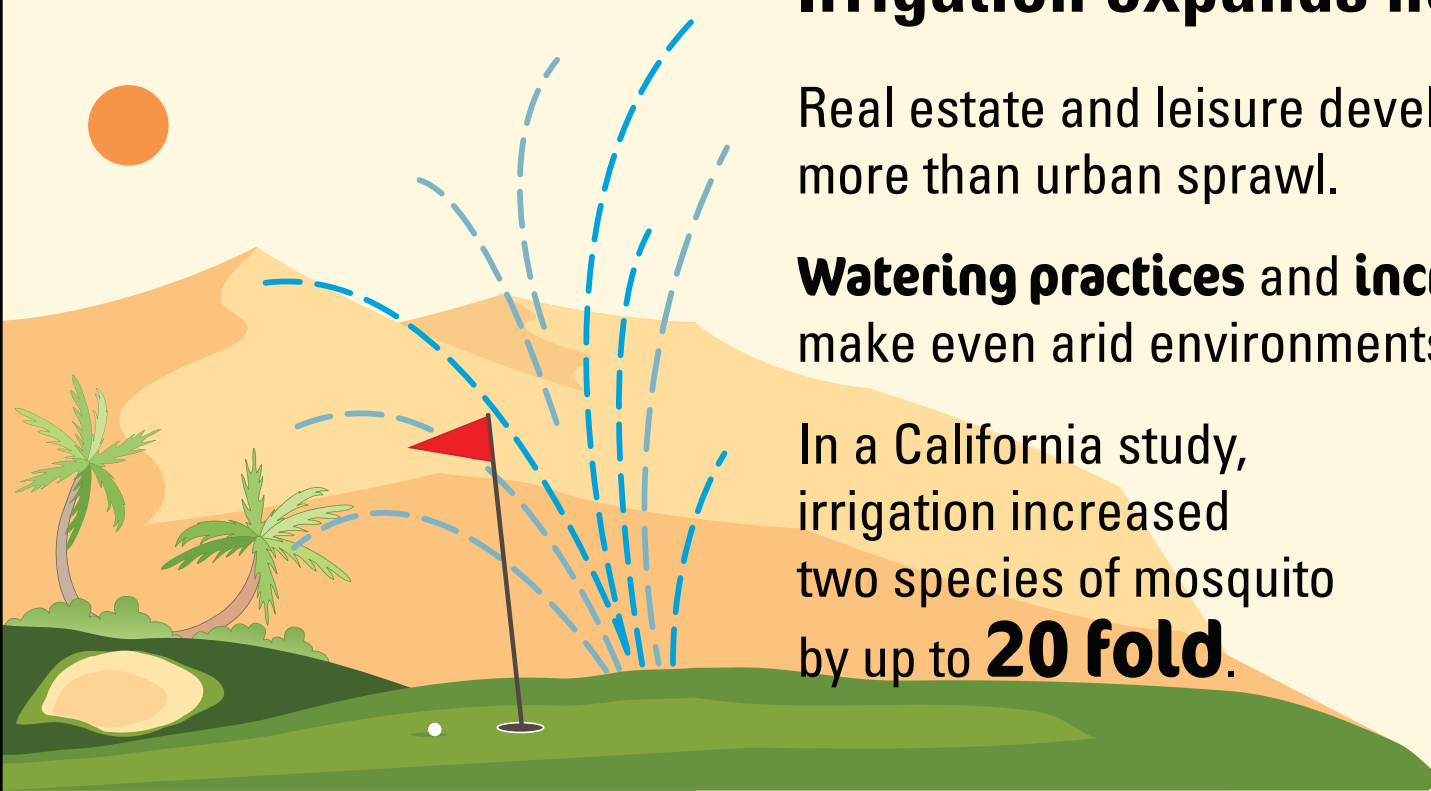


Irrigation expands heartworm habitats.

Real estate and leisure developments foster more than urban sprawl.

Watering practices and **increased foliage** can make even arid environments mosquito-friendly.

In a California study, irrigation increased two species of mosquito by up to **20 fold**.



Mosquitoes are a menace—and they're EVERYWHERE!

Dog and cats get heartworms when mosquitoes carrying heartworm larvae **BITE** them.

And pets in all **50 states** have been diagnosed with heartworms.



Mosquitoes are on the MOVE!

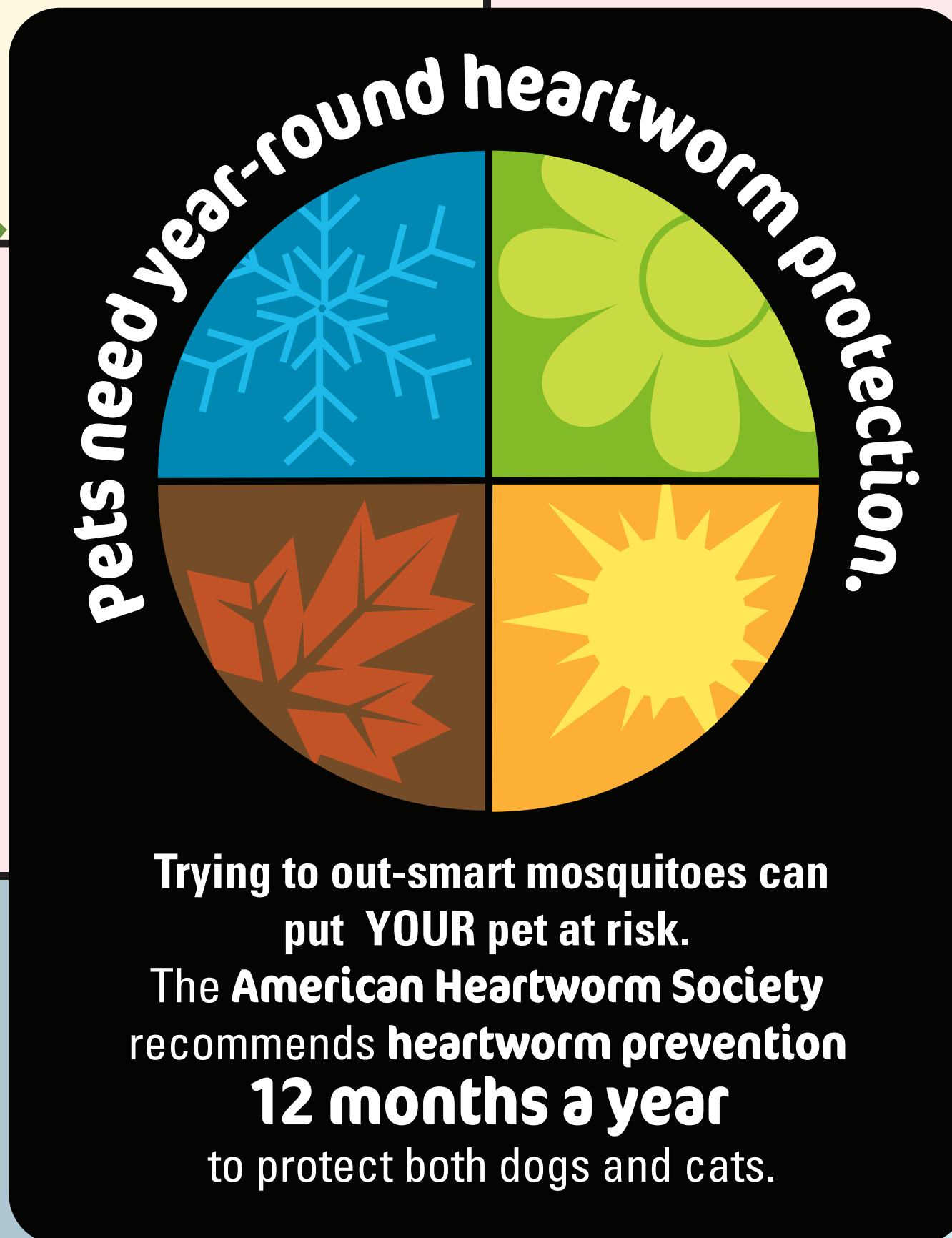
One of the most common heartworm-carrying mosquitoes, the **Asian Tiger mosquito**, only arrived in the U.S. in the late 1980s.

Thanks to **warmer temps**, **increased humidity** and **urbanization**, this pest is now in at least **36 states**—and continues to spread.



pets need year-round heartworm protection.

Trying to out-smart mosquitoes can put **YOUR** pet at risk.
The **American Heartworm Society** recommends **heartworm prevention 12 months a year** to protect both dogs and cats.



Mosquitoes are SERIAL KILLERS.

A single infected mosquito can travel **3 miles**, and feed on **multiple pets** in a single day.

SCARY.



Let's talk TRASH about mosquitoes.

Environmental pollution contributes to **mosquito reproduction**, which raises heartworm risk.

A **single mosquito** can lay up to **200 eggs** in an empty bottle cap.



Urban environments make mosquito "season" last longer.

More than **8 in 10** people in the U.S. live in urban areas, where temperatures can be **10 to 20** degrees warmer than rural surroundings.

This allows **heartworm transmission** to continue much later than you may think.

