

Heartworm Incidence: Up or Down? Veterinarians Weigh In

Why veterinarians say incidence is **DOWN**

74%

Say more pet owners are administering preventives

63%

See more year-round usage of preventives; more doses given on time

48%

Say pet owners have access to highly effective preventives

16%

Believe weather trends caused decrease in mosquitoes



Why veterinarians say incidence is **UP**

61%

Cite poor compliance; owners don't administer preventives year-round or they skip doses

40%

Say infected Southern rescue dogs moved into the area

39%

Believe weather trends caused increase in mosquitoes

33%

Report that fewer pet owners are administering preventives

Q: In your opinion, what is the trend of heartworm prevalence in your practice area over the past three years?

A: 19% of veterinarians surveyed said the trend is up, 21% said the trend is down and 60% said it has stayed the same