TEST YOUR HEARTWORM KNOWLEDGE

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. My dog can get heartworms from playing with another dog that has them.  
2. Getting heartworm disease isn’t a concern for my cat.  
3. Heartworms mate inside infected dogs.  
4. Heartworm treatment costs about the same as prevention.  
5. Heartworm disease threatens pets nationwide.  
6. Heartworms live up to 6 months in dogs.  
7. Once dogs have been treated for heartworm infections, they’re immune to future infection.  
8. The American Heartworm Society recommends year-round prevention against heartworms for dogs, cats and ferrets.

HOW WELL DID YOU DO?

1. FALSE  
Heartworms can only be spread between pets through the bites of an infected mosquito.

2. FALSE  
Not only can cats die from heartworm infections, there is NO approved treatment if they become infected.

3. TRUE  
Native heartworms living in the pulmonary arteries of dogs make up 90% of the infections.

4. FALSE  
A year’s worth of heartworm prevention costs a fraction of the cost of treatment.

5. TRUE  
Heartworm disease has been diagnosed in all 50 states.

6. TRUE  
Heartworms can live for up to 2 years in cats and up to 7 years in dogs.

7. FALSE  
Dogs can become infected over & under 6 months if they aren’t on heartworm preventative.

8. TRUE  
Because heartworm “imperfection” is so difficult to predict, year-round prevention is the best option for pets.

PROTECT YOUR PET FROM HEARTWORM 12 MONTHS A YEAR.  
TEST FOR HEARTWORM EVERY 12 MONTHS.  

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