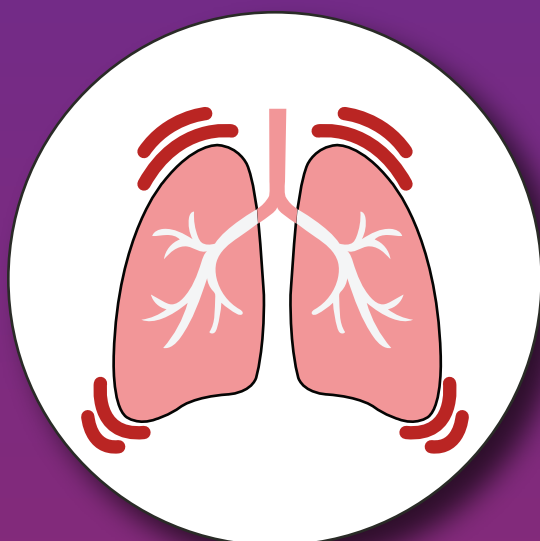


Here's What Heartworms Do to Your Cat



Heartworm disease begins with the bite of an infected mosquito. Just **1 bite** can spread microscopic heartworm larvae that grow quickly and make their way to the cat's bloodstream.



Roughly **2 – 3 months** later, the growing, immature heartworms arrive in the arteries and smaller blood vessels of the lungs, triggering an **acute inflammatory response** on arrival.

Most heartworms **die** at this point, but the inflammation and debris can cause the cat to **cough, vomit** or have **trouble breathing**.

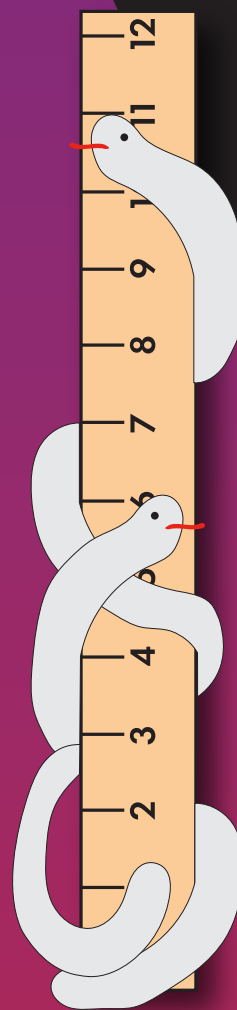


While the signs of infection usually subside over time, the **damage** to the cat's respiratory system can be **long-term**.



There's **NO** approved **treatment** for heartworms in cats, only **heartworm prevention**.

Protect your cat year-round!



Heartworms can also survive and grow to be **6- to 11-inch** adults inside the cat. While most cats have infections with 6 adult worms or fewer, a single worm can be **deadly**.

When adult worms die—usually within **2 or 4 years**—the dead and decomposing worms can form **life-threatening clots**. Adult worms can also migrate to other parts of the body, like the brain, causing sudden death.

