



COCCIDIA

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR COCCIDIA

This pet has been diagnosed with an infection of a microscopic intestinal parasite known as coccidia. It is not an uncommon parasite in young animals and can cause diarrhea and/or vomiting. Coccidia infections are species-specific, meaning that an infected dog cannot spread the parasite to a cat and vice versa. It is also not contagious to humans. It is, however, contagious to pets of the same species. It is recommended to keep your new pet isolated from other pets until the infection is cleared. Coccidia survives well in the environment, so picking up feces immediately is recommended. Pets can reinfect themselves by licking/cleaning themselves after defecation. It is important to clean the pet (i.e. give a bath) if they have fecal material in their fur. The pet was started on treatment for coccidia, but a follow-up fecal test should be done to ensure that the infection has been cleared. The pet may or may not need additional treatment for coccidia. All additional diagnostics and treatments are to be done with the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's cost.