



HEARTWORM

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR HEARTWORM

This pet was diagnosed with heartworm disease. This is a worm that lives in the heart and bloodstream that is spread by mosquitoes. Heartworm prevention was administered to treat the early life stages of the worm, as well as injections to treat the adult heartworms. Strict activity restriction is essential after treatment as the adult heartworms die. Since pieces of the dying worms can dislodge and cause a life-threatening clot in the blood vessels with excitement or activity, it is absolutely essential that the dog be kept as quiet as possible and is not allowed to exercise for two months following the last injection. Ongoing administration of monthly heartworm prevention is advised to prevent the maturation of any remaining larval stages of the worm into adults. At this time, the pet has no detectable larval worms in the bloodstream, but follow-up testing with your veterinarian is recommended in 9 months after the last injection was given. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.