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"THE AVERAGE DOG IS A NICER PERSON THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON." (ANDREW A. ROONEY)

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HEARTWORM AWARENESS MONTH WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW COULD HURT YOUR DOG

Ahhh, the joys of spring! Warm temperatures, blooming flowers and trees and ... the ever-hungry mosquito! Which means a real threat of heartworm disease to your dog (as well as cats and ferrets!).



Think you can ignore it? If left untreated, it can be fatal.

Heartworm disease is usually subtle and often missed because the parasitic, foot-long roundworms live unseen inside your dog's heart, lungs and their blood vessels. While heartworm primarily affects the heart and lungs, it can also harm the liver, kidneys, eyes and nervous system.

WAIT, THERE'S MORE ...

If all that wasn't scary enough, there's one more thing you must know: **heartworms can live for 5-7 years** in dogs; and if your dog is left unprotected, they can be re-infected each season leading to an insurmountable health crisis.

SYMPTOMS: HEARTWORM DISEASE
SEE OUR "ONE MINUTE DOG TIP" (UPPER RIGHT)

ANNUAL TESTING IS CRUCIAL

Testing for heartworm is crucial every year to catch possible infection early (**even** if your dog has been consistently protected). Dogs (seven months and older) should be tested before starting heartworm prevention. If prevention has lapsed - even for a month - or never been used, dogs need to be **re-tested after six months** before restarting medication. Why? It can take more than six months for a dog to test positive after being bitten by an infected mosquito. This is because any **heartworms must be at least 7 months old** before they can be detected.

SPRINGTIME MEANS TICKS + DISEASES TOO!
(SEE INFOGRAPHIC ON REVERSE)



HEARTWORM TREATMENT

Heartworm treatment has come a long way and most dogs now can be successfully treated.

Treatment includes:

- ♥ Re-confirming the diagnosis of heartworms
- ♥ Restricting all exercise
- ♥ Stabilizing the dog's health & disease
- ♥ Administering the treatment protocol
- ♥ Retesting and prevention

(Sources: PetHealthNetwork.com, HeartwormSociety.org and CAPCVET.org (Companion Animal Parasite Council))



THE ONE MINUTE DOG TIP SYMPTOMS: HEARTWORM DISEASE

Below are the typical symptoms of heartworm disease. However, by the time these symptoms become apparent, the disease may already be extensive. If your dog exhibits any of the following symptoms, go to your vet immediately for a proper diagnosis.

Initial Symptoms

- ♥ Lethargy and fatigue
- ♥ Coughing
- ♥ Weight loss
- ♥ Lack of appetite
- ♥ Intolerance of even regular exercise

Advanced Symptoms (May Require Surgical Intervention)

- ♥ Swollen belly
- ♥ Labored breathing
- ♥ Pale gums
- ♥ Dark bloody or coffee-colored urine

NEVER FORGET
TO STOP &
SMELL THE
FLOWERS!



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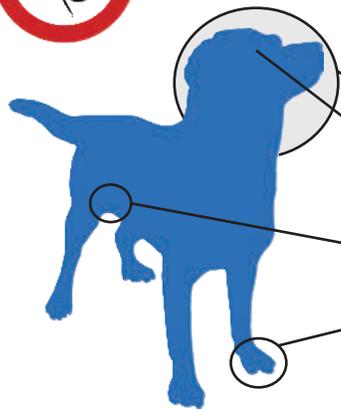
AT A GLANCE: READY FOR TICK SEASON? (POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR AS A HANDY REMINDER)



PROTECT YOUR DOG FROM TICKS!

5 PLACES TICKS HIDE ON A DOG

(Hint: They are dark, warm & moist.)



- Ears, Neck and Head
- Eyelids
(Be sure it's not a skin tag first)
- In the Groin Area
- Between the Toes
- Also check under Clothes, Collars and Harnesses

"WHO'S WHO" IN THE TICK WORLD

+ THE K9 DISEASE(S) THEY CAUSE

 <p>Deer Tick <i>Anaplasmosis (Dog Fever or Dog Tick Fever) Borreliosis (Lyme Disease)</i></p>  <p>Western Black-Legged Tick <i>Anaplasmosis (Dog Fever or Dog Tick Fever)</i></p>  <p>Gulf Coast Tick <i>American Canine Hepatozoonosis (through ingestion by the dog)</i></p>	 <p>Lone Star Tick <i>Ehrlichiosis (one of the most common and dangerous diseases)</i></p>  <p>Brown Dog Tick</p>  <p>American Dog Tick <i>Rickettsia Rickettsii (Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) or Blue Disease)</i></p>
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COOL STUFF FOR THE DOG LOVER DOG-ON BAG: THE HANDS-FREE PET CARRIER

They're called "rescue dogs" but often, these precious pups rescue us.

Hooch, a deaf chihuahua, was one of these special dogs, helping his new guardian, Hazel with her agoraphobia (the fear of certain places and situations).

Hazel started out to protect Hooch and make him feel safe when they were out and about. But all the pet and baby carriers available were not hands-free. So Hazel went to work with a piece of fabric and created a solution for Hooch. And the **Dog-On Bag** was born! A hands-free pet carrier that makes your small pet comfortable and easily portable!

Hazel soon discovered an **added** benefit ... keeping Hooch close to her body not only helped **him** feel safe, it **also** quieted Hazel's anxiety from agoraphobia.

The **Dog-On Bag** accommodates pets up to 15 pounds. The cross-strap design also helps distribute your pet's weight off your shoulders. All bags are machine washable, lightweight and reversible.



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CANINE FIRST AID BASICS TOP 3 BENEFITS OF RAW HONEY



Honey has been used throughout history because of its healthy properties and benefits.

These benefits also extend to our 4-legged canine friends. Keep reading to learn how **raw** honey can help your K9 friend.

Benefit #1

Particles in raw honey help reduce seasonal allergies in dogs by boosting their immunity.

Benefit #2

Raw honey has both anti-bacterial and anti-microbial properties making it an effective healing agent for cuts, injuries, burns, infections and wounds.

Benefit #3

Raw honey can also be used internally for issues like kennel cough, digestive issues and stomach ulcers.

Do not give honey to puppies under one year old.

*Also, if your dog is overweight or diabetic, check with your vet **first** before giving honey.*

(Sources: DogsNaturallyMagazine.com & Whole-Dog-Journal.com)



Our dogs deserve the BEST! Here's a simple, yet healthy dog treat recipe with honey and cinnamon offering wonderful benefits including:

- ♥ Anti-inflammatory properties;
- ♥ The ability to slow or stop bacterial growth;
- ♥ The regulation of a dog's blood sugar; and
- ♥ Fighting the fungus behind yeast infections.

Plus, it smells paw-sitively awesome!

HONEY AND CINNAMON K9 TREATS

- 1-1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons honey

Preheat oven to 350° F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.

Mix all ingredients in a large bowl until well combined.

Knead dough into a ball and roll onto a floured surface, 1/4 inch thick. Cut into squares or your favorite shapes with a cookie cutter.

Bake for approximately 15 minutes until browned around the edges. Cool and store in the refrigerator.

(Source: DogggyDessertChef.com)