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Heartworm & tick-borne diseases



HEARTWORM DISEASE – spread by mosquitoes - causes heart failure, lung disease, sudden death.

LYME DISEASE – spread by ticks - damaged joints, fatal kidney disease.

ERLICHIOSIS – spread by ticks - permanent blindness, auto-immune diseases, bleeding complications, death.

ANAPLASMOSIS – very low numbers of platelets and white blood cells, chronic joint pain, neurological signs.



Q. Is my dog likely to get infected?

Your dog can be exposed to these infections in almost any outdoor location where ticks & mosquitoes can be found (the Brown Dog Tick also lives indoors!)

Diagnosing can be difficult as signs aren't often present – however we recommend running a blood test every spring to see if your dog has been exposed as well as regularly checking your dog for ticks.

As with anything, prevention is better than cure and we recommend following a yearly prevention program after your heartworm/tick-borne disease test.



Visit www.dogsandticks.com for lots more easy-to-read information, fun games, a map showing confirmed diseases in your area and lots more!

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www.heartgard.ca www.nobiteisright.ca