



YOUR PUPPY PAWS NEWS

"DOGS ARE NOT OUR WHOLE LIFE, BUT THEY MAKE OUR LIVES WHOLE." (R. CARAS)

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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 "ONE MINUTE DOG TIP" ON 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

(Source: HeartwormSociety.org)



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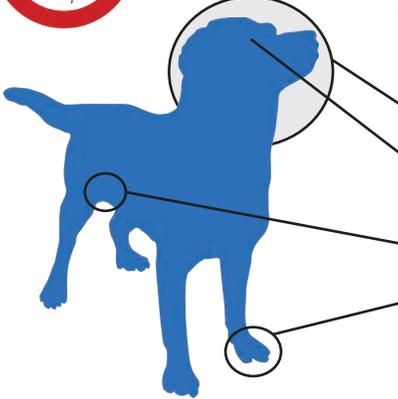
AT A GLANCE: READY FOR TICK SEASON? (POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR AS A HANDY REMINDER)



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PROTECT YOUR DOG

5 PLACES TO FIND TICKS ON YOUR DOG

Ticks **love** dark, warm and moist areas.



- Ears, Neck and Head
- Eyelids
(Be sure it's not a skin tag first)
- In the Groin Area
- Between the Toes
- Under Clothes, Collars, 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)</i> <i>Borreliosis (Lyme Disease)</i></p>	 <p>Lone Star Tick <i>Ehrlichiosis (one of the most common and dangerous diseases)</i></p>
 <p>Western Black-Legged Tick <i>Anaplasmosis (Dog Fever or Dog Tick Fever)</i></p>	 <p>Brown Dog Tick</p>
 <p>Gulf Coast Tick <i>American Canine Hepatozoonosis (through ingestion by the dog)</i></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 THE HONEY-BASED ADULT DOG TREAT

It all started with one insistent little dog (Peanut) and one very busy college student (Isiah) in a college dorm room.

You see, if Peanut was bored and not getting **enough** attention, he would lick Isiah to distraction! So Isiah set out to make a lickable dog treat (Peanut is a senior K9 without most of his teeth) to keep him busy.

Then, as "luck" would have it, Isiah met Kim (a trained candy maker and pasty chef) and **Honey Licks** was created! Now, this healthy and long-lasting treat keeps Peanut happy (and busy) as well as many other dogs.

Honey Licks is no ordinary dog treat. Raw honey has long been known for its healthy benefits. In addition, the company is paying it forward by donating a portion of their profits to the Planet Bee Foundation to help save the bees (7 species of bees are now endangered!).

Now **you** can also help save the bees **and** spoil **your** dog with **Honey Licks** when you order at HoneyLicks.com!



HONEY BACON TREAT

Please Note: Honey Licks is intended for dogs 12 months and older.



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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)



HONEY & CINNAMON TREATS

A healthy, simple dog treat recipe with both honey and cinnamon. This spice also has wonderful benefits for our dogs 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 & CINNAMON 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)