

Worming Puppies

The Dunmuir Veterinary Group recommends that worming should start at 2 weeks of age and be repeated every 2 weeks until 12 weeks old. The puppy should then be wormed monthly until 6 months old.

Worming Adult Dogs

We recommend worming your dog every 6 months with a complete wormer unless your pet is a scavenger or working dog in which case it is best to worm them every 3 months due to the increased risk of infection.

Types of Worms

Roundworms- these can be picked up by your dog by eating infected mice or birds etc. but are more commonly acquired by swallowing worm eggs. These are found in the faeces of infected animals which has been on the ground for around 2 weeks (fresh faeces is not infective). This is one of the reasons it is important to clean up after your dog. The eggs can survive in the soil for more than a year and can also be dangerous to human health.

Tapeworms- these cannot be passed from one dog to another and need an "intermediate" host, mainly fleas, which are infected with tapeworm larvae. The dog swallows the flea while grooming and the larvae develop in the gut.

Whipworms- mainly found in young dogs. Infection is normally caused by swallowing eggs. These worms feed internally on your dog's blood.

Hookworms- these are picked up by puppies especially when kept in groups. These worms also feed on blood.

Lungworms- these are picked up by the ingestion of slugs or snails and live in the heart and major blood vessels supplying the lungs. Lungworm can cause serious disease and is potentially fatal.

Which Products Do We Stock?

Drontal Puppy- kills roundworms, in particular *Toxocara Canis*, hookworms and whipworms. Comes in a liquid suspension



Milquantel- kills every type of intestinal worm normally found in dogs including roundworms, tapeworms, whipworms and hookworms. Milquantel can also be used to control lungworm. Comes in tablet form.





Advocate- kills all types of worms including lungworm. Comes as a spot on application so is easier for dogs that are difficult to give tablets to.

Cazitel Plus- kills roundworm, hookworm, whipworm and tapeworm. Comes in tablet form.

Panacur- kills roundworm, hookworm, whipworm, tapeworm. Comes in the form on an oral paste, solution or as granules.

