

ADULTICIDE HEARTWORM TREATMENT

The following guide is intended to serve only as a reference for understanding the protocol of Adulticide Treatment of Heartworm Disease administered at Garden Oaks Veterinary Clinic, as recommended by the American Heartworm Society. Please consult the veterinarian during the course of treatment.



Your Dog has tested positive for Heartworm Disease

...Now What?

Step 1 Has your dog been on heartworm preventative for the past 2 months?

Yes

Great! Your dog can begin Step 2.

Not
Sure

No problem. Today you can begin giving HeartGard, a monthly heartworm preventative. Your dog will need to be on this for at least 3 months before starting treatment.

No



Step 2 After your dog has been on heartworm preventative for at least a full 2 months, your dog will begin a 30 day course of Doxycycline to prepare the heart for treatment. Please continue giving heartworm preventative during this month!

Step 3 When the 30 day Doxycycline course is completed, you will drop your dog off for heartworm treatment. Your dog will have a thorough examination, blood work, and x-rays completed to grade the disease.

1-2A

Your dog's heart is healthy enough to receive the 1st and 2nd Immiticide injections 24 hours apart. Your dog will stay overnight with us and go home the following day to begin **30 days of rest.**

2B-3

Your dog will receive the 1st Immiticide injection today and then be released to go home. Your dog must have **30 days of rest (kennel confinement) before the 2nd treatment.**

After 30 days your dog will need to return for a 2nd treatment, where we will administer 2 Immiticide injections 24 hours apart. Your dog will go home the following day to continue **30 more days of rest.**

Step 4 Once treatment is completed and you pick up your dog to go home, it is imperative that your dog stay **kenned and calm for 30 DAYS** (except for bathroom breaks on a leash) so that the heart can rest and to prevent complications.

Step 5 After 30 days of kennel confinement, your dog will recheck with the veterinarian (This should be your dog's 1st car ride since treatment!).

Step 6 At the 6 month post-treatment mark, your dog will recheck with the veterinarian and have a repeat heartworm test. A second test should be performed at the 1 year post-treatment mark as well.

