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## Heartworm Treatment Aftercare Instructions

Your dog has been treated with a medication to kill heartworms. It is important for you to follow these guidelines for post-treatment care. If you do not, you place your dog's health and life at risk.

- Strict rest for 6 weeks
- Your dog's physical activities must be limited; no rough housing, no running, no exercise, no backyard play. Short leash walks outside to permit the dog a chance to relieve itself are allowed.
- Your dog may be taking medications following treatment. Your Veterinarian will prescribe the medications and dosage needed.

In rare cases, your dog may have adverse effects to the heartworm treatment. If any of the following occur, please contact us immediately. (If these occur, your dog will be treated with supportive care depending on the clinical signs).

- Severe coughing
- Coughing up blood
- Lethargy, listlessness or collapse
- Loss of appetite

Please return every two weeks for a follow up recheck exam for the next six weeks. At the 4 week appointment we will treat your dog with the medication to kill the microfilaria in the blood.

At the 6 week appointment we will heartworm test your dog, and begin heartworm prevention at that time.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. Thank you.*