



Royal Animal Hospital – Parasite Control

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Worms

Dogs

Recent research has changed our recommendations on the frequency of de-worming. The individual's life-style along with its age will greatly influence how often they need to be treated. The most recent recommendations suggest three monthly de-worming is ideal particularly with current public health concerns and the possibility of human infection.

A variety of medications can be recommended depending on how easy your pet is to medicate and what would be best suited to its individual circumstances. Our Vets and Nurses can advise you.

Cats

The worming programme is also ideally every three months but also depends on an individual's life-style. Veterinary advice is always available.

Fleas for Cats and Dogs

Surprisingly enough fleas aren't a big problem in Kuwait for much of the year. A number of excellent products are now available to control these most irritating of unwelcome visitors. Some drugs will also contribute to the control of other ectoparasites (e.g. ticks, mites) like Frontline and Protektor and some help control endoparasites (e.g. roundworms) like Stronghold and Revolution. Looking at the individual's life style, temperament and risk level helps us decide on which product best suits that pet. We have a range of possible products including: sprays, drops onto the skin, injections, liquids and tablets. Please call in or book an appointment to discuss which method would best suit you and your pet.

Tick Control

For dogs we do recommend that effective tick control is constantly applied. Dogs that are walked on grassy reservations pick up lots of ticks.. The ticks can then be carried into the house and it isn't long before they are seen on walls and furniture. There are numerous methods of control. Fipronil which is found in Frontline and Protektor is still almost 100% effective with 24hours. Frontline and Protektor, come as Spot on Products and Spray

formulations. The ticks have to contact the product to be killed. That means if using a Spot on that you may see ticks walking on top of the fur of the dog. Its only when they attach to the skin that they come into contact with the product and are killed. This problem is avoided by using the spray formulations. Some people are less than keen on the strong pesticide smell associated with the collars however. What you want to avoid are supermarket brand collars which contain repellent products (permethrins) – they are pretty effective at driving the ticks off your pet and onto another target which could be yourself or the family cat!