

# Dog Deworming Guidelines

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Regular deworming is recommended by the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC).

## Doctors Foster and Smith Deworming Guidelines

\* Drs. Foster and Smith suggest that owners of newly acquired puppies should obtain the deworming history of their new pet and contact their veterinarian to determine if additional deworming is needed.

<b>Puppies*</b>	Initiate treatment at 2 weeks; repeat at 4, 6, and 8 weeks of age, and then put on a monthly heartworm preventive that also controls intestinal parasites. Using a year-round heartworm preventive/intestinal parasite combination product decreases the risk of parasites. If not using such a product, worm at 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks of age and then monthly until 6 months of age.
<b>Nursing Dams</b>	Treat at the same time as puppies.
<b>Adult Dogs</b>	If on a year-round heartworm preventive/intestinal parasite combination product, have a fecal test performed 1-2 times per year and treat appropriately. If not on a year-round heartworm preventive/intestinal parasite combination product, have a fecal test performed 2-4 times per year and treat appropriately. Also monitor and eliminate parasites in pet's environment.

<b>Newly Acquired Animals</b>	Worm immediately; repeat in 2 weeks, then follow above recommendations.
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Worming products for dogs can be found in our [Non-prescription Wormers](#) and [Prescription Wormers](#) sections.