

## Deworming Guidelines for Cats & Kittens

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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).

<b>Doctors Foster &amp; Smith Deworming Guidelines</b>	
<p>* Drs. Foster and Smith suggest that owners of newly acquired kittens should obtain the deworming history of their new pet and contact their veterinarian to determine if additional deworming is needed.</p>	
<b>Kittens*</b>	Because prenatal infections do not occur in kittens, initiate treatment at 3 weeks; repeat at 5, 7, and 9 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.
<b>Nursing Dams</b>	Treat at the same time as kittens.
<b>Adult Cats</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.

Worming products for cats can be found in our [Non-prescription Wormers](#) and [Prescription Wormers](#) sections.