

Heartworm Preventive Comparison Chart

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HEARTWORM PREVENTIVE comparison chart

Medications used to prevent heartworm infections are called preventives. Preventives kill the heartworm larvae before they have a chance to grow and mature into

adult heartworms. A number of heartworm preventives are available to pet owners today. Some heartworm preventives contain additional ingredients that will control other parasites, such as roundworms or hookworms. A monthly preventive should be given to all pets. Remember that mosquitoes can get indoors, so even though your pet may not go outside, he is still susceptible.



Product	Minimum Age/Weight	Dose Given	Active Ingredient Against Heartworm	Additional Ingredients	Also Effective Against
Heartgard Plus for Dogs	6 wks	Monthly; oral	Ivermectin	Pyrantel pamoate	Roundworms and hookworms
Heartgard for Cats	6 wks	Monthly; oral	Ivermectin	None	Hookworms
Tri-Heart Plus for Dogs	6 wks	Monthly; oral	Ivermectin	Pyrantel pamoate	Roundworms and hookworms
Iverhart Max for Dogs	Dogs: 8 wks	Monthly; oral	Ivermectin	Pyrantel pamoate, Praziquantel	Roundworms, hookworms, and tapeworms.
Sentinel for Dogs	4 wks and 2 lbs	Monthly; oral	Milbemycin oxime	Lufenuron	Roundworms, whipworms, some hookworms, and flea eggs.

Revolution for Dogs	6 wks	Monthly; topical	Selamectin	None	Fleas, flea eggs, ear mites, sarcoptes mange, and American Dog Ticks.
Revolution for Cats	8 wks	Monthly; topical	Selamectin	None	Fleas, flea eggs, ear mites, one type of hookworm and one type of roundworm.
Advantage Multi for Dogs	7 wks and 3 lbs	Monthly; topical	Moxidectin	Imidacloprid	Fleas, roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms.
Advantage Multi for Cats	9 wks and 2 lbs	Monthly; topical	Moxidectin	Imidacloprid	Fleas, roundworms, hookworms, and ear mites.
Trifexis	8 wks and 5 lbs	Monthly; chewable	Milbemycin oxime and Spinosad	N/A	Fleas, roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms.

Learn what every pet owner needs to know about heartworm prevention: visit our [Special Heartworm Disease Information Section!](#)