



## Deworming

### At what age do I deworm my puppy?

Puppies should be dewormed regularly with the breeder/rescue centre before leaving for their new home. Please check which products have been used, when you collect your puppy. Puppies 4 to 12 weeks of age should be dewormed every two weeks and from 12 weeks to 6 months old dewormed monthly, from 6 months onward dogs and puppies should be dewormed following the instructions on the product used. There are many different products available, and some will cover both worms and fleas. Please speak to one of our vets or nurses for advice on the best product to suit your circumstances.

### What are some of the symptoms that my dog or puppy has intestinal worms?

- Loss of appetite
- The dog's coat is in poor condition
- The dog has a pot belly appearance - especially in puppies
- The dog or puppy suffers weight loss or is not thriving/growing well
- Diarrhoea (sometimes bloody diarrhoea)
- Vomiting
- Lethargy
- Anaemia - The dog or puppy has pale gums
- Worm segments are visible around the anal area. These segments look like small grains of rice or sesame seeds.
- Continual licking of the anal area
- The dog or puppy scoots around on its rear end.
- Coughing if juvenile roundworm has migrated to the dog's lungs.

Non-prescription flea/worming products are not recommended as their efficiency is not as good as Prescription Only Medicines. Therefore, it is best to purchase your flea/worming treatments from your vet.

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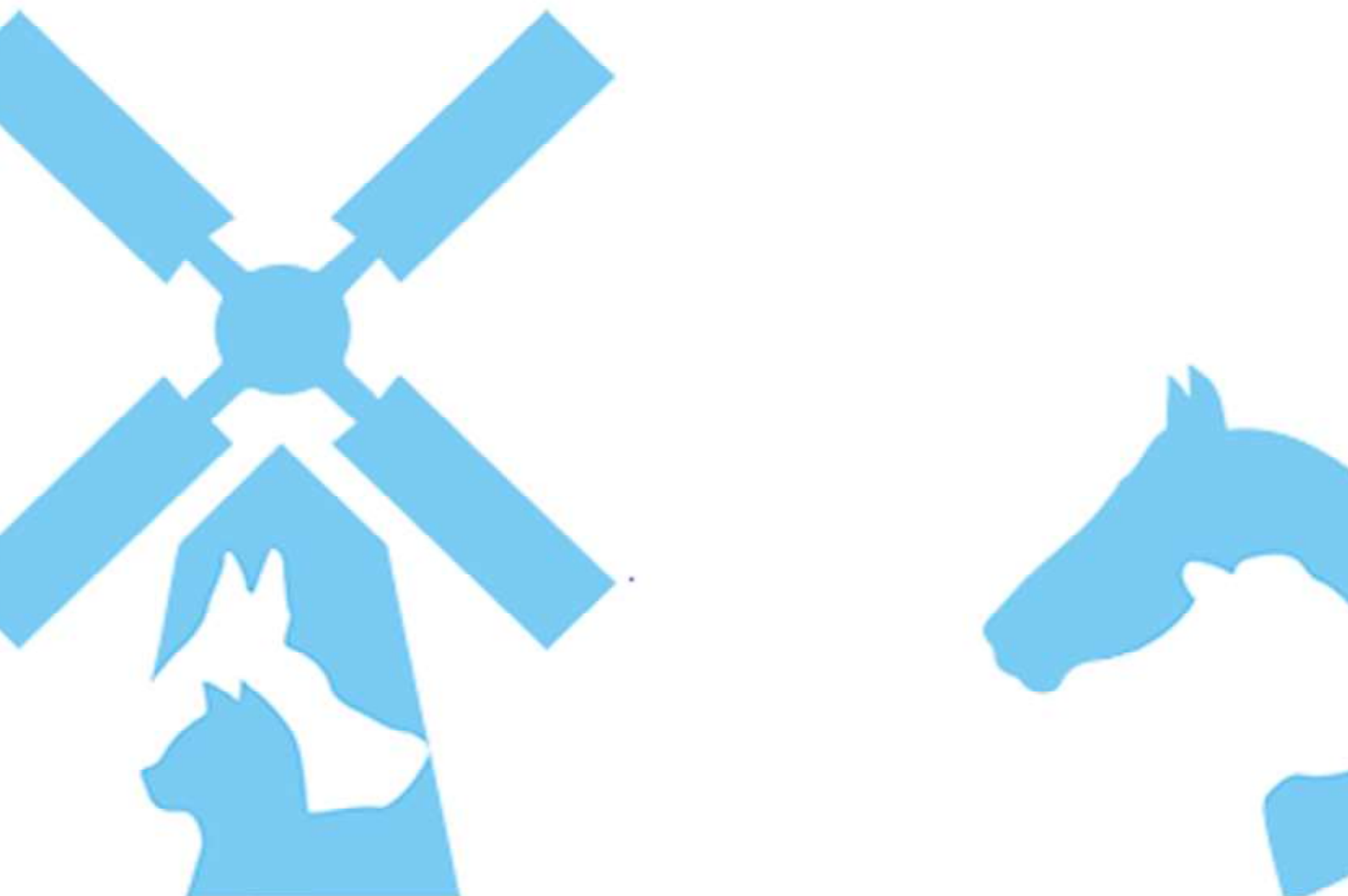
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### Can Children Catch Worms from Dogs and Cats?

Infants and small children are more susceptible to catching worms from pets as they have immature immune systems and often poor hygiene. Humans can catch worms from the family dog, so it is important to teach your children to wash their hands before eating. Equally important is to regularly treat your pets for worms.

It should be noted that catching worms from the family pet is not common, but you should be aware of the possibility.



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