

WHITE MILL VETERINARY CENTRE

for healthy pets in Sandwich & East Kent



Worming

At what age do I worm my puppy?

Puppies 4 to 12 weeks of age should be wormed every two weeks.

From age 12 weeks to 6 months puppies should be wormed monthly

From 6 months onward dogs and puppies should be wormed every 3 months.

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
- Diarrhoea (sometimes bloody diarrhoea)
- Vomiting
- Lethargy
- Anemia - The dog or puppy has pale gums
- Worm segments 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 have migrated to the dog's lungs

Non prescription flea/worming products can not be 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.

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