

Parasites in Dogs

Dogs carry worms which can make them unwell. These worms may also affect people and farm animals.

Worms can be passed from pregnant dogs to the puppies.

The worms suck the dogs' nutrients making them weak.



Worms are shed into the environment through faeces. These worms contaminate the environment.

Children are at the highest risk as they spend the most time with dogs.

Look after your dog and protect your own health

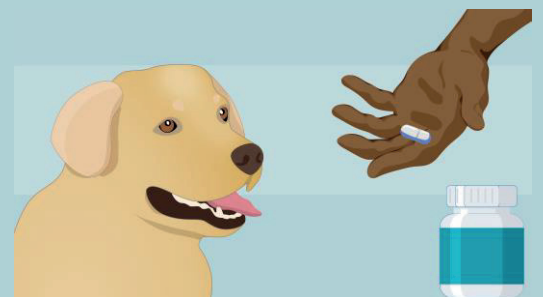
Bury or burn your dog's faeces.

Always wash your hands after handling faeces.



Wear closed shoes outside where there are dogs.

Deworm adult dogs every 3 months and puppies every month.



Do not feed your dog uncooked or condemned meat.

Do not allow your dog to roam freely, where it may scavenge on uncooked meat.

For questions about the health of your dog, call the sub-county vet office: _____

Here is a summary of the different types of worms which can infect both you and your dog:

Type of Worm	Species Name	Transmission Method	Control Strategy
Hookworms	<i>Ancylostoma caninum</i>	Dogs: Dogs pass the worm to their puppies during lactation. Eggs are passed in faeces, which contaminate the environment.	Dogs: Deworm your dogs every 3 months. Deworm your pregnant dog before she gives birth to puppies.
	<i>Unicinaria sp.</i>	Humans: Worms migrate through the skin.	Humans: Wear closed shoes outside.
Roundworms	<i>Toxocara canis</i>	Dogs: Dogs pass the worm to their puppies during lactation. Eggs are passed in faeces, which contaminate the environment.	Dogs: Deworm your dogs every 3 months. Deworm your pregnant dog before she gives birth to puppies.
	<i>Strongyloides</i>	Humans: Eggs are accidentally ingested from unclean hands. Eggs can also be ingested from undercooked meat.	Humans: Always wash your hands after handling dog faeces or working with soil. Cook all meat thoroughly before eating.
Tapeworms	<i>Dipylidium caninum</i>	Dogs: Worms are passed to dogs through biting fleas. Worms are ingested through eating organ meat from livestock. Eggs are also passed in the faeces, which contaminate the environment.	Dogs: Always cook meat before feeding to your dog. Do not feed condemned meat to your dog. Keep your dog away from livestock and prevent your dog from roaming, where it may scavenge on raw meat. Deworm your dogs every 3 months and treat them for fleas.
	<i>Echinococcus sp.</i>		
	<i>Taenia sp.</i>	Humans: Eggs are accidentally ingested from the environment due to unclean hands. Worms can be also passed from fleas.	Humans: Always wash your hands after handling dog faeces or working with soil. Always cook meat thoroughly before eating.
Protozoa	<i>Giardia</i>	Dogs: Eggs are passed in the faeces. Worms are ingested from contaminated water. Eggs are ingested from uncooked meat.	Dogs: Cook meat thoroughly before feeding to your dog. Provide your dog with fresh, clean drinking water. Deworm your dogs every 3 months.
	<i>Cryptosporidium</i>	Humans: Eggs are ingested from unclean food and water, or from unclean hands.	Humans: Always wash your hands after handling dog faeces. Always cook meat thoroughly before eating, and ensure to clean fruits and vegetables with a water from a reputable source.
	<i>Neospora</i>		

Follow the strategies advised to protect you and your dogs.