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**Sage Creek
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Open Sundays
10am-4pm
as of
May 1st, 2015**

Heartworm season is upon us!

Heartworm disease is prevalent all over the world. In Canada, heartworm is most prevalent in southern Ontario and the Winnipeg region of Manitoba. It is a serious and potentially fatal disease primarily affecting dogs, cats, and ferrets. Mosquitoes transmit heartworms, and just one bite is all it takes. Once they mature inside your dog, they live in the heart and large blood vessels of the lung. Adult heartworms can measure over one foot in length!

Early infection shows few, if any signs. The signs of the later stages include coughing, exercise intolerance, difficulty breathing, temporary loss of consciousness, swelling of the abdomen and enlargement of the liver. Fortunately, heartworm infection is almost always a preventable disease. There are many products available and your veterinarian will be able to recommend the best one for your pet. All indoor and outdoor cats and dogs should receive heartworm prevention throughout the mosquito season.

Annual heartworm testing is recommended, detecting heartworm infection early generally allows for a faster and more effective response to treatment. The latest study results by Merial show an increase of nearly 46% in the number dogs from Manitoba that tested positive for heartworm.

At our hospitals we use a quick in-house blood test to detect heartworm disease in dogs. This test also screens for several tick borne diseases such as Lyme, Anaplasma and Ehrlichia. Call today to book your dogs test!

BEWARE THE BUG!

Ticks are small, sneaky and pose a serious health risk to your pets.



They can transmit consequential diseases such as **Lyme, Anaplasma** and **Ehrlichia**. Your pet may be at increased risk if they frequent long grassed areas commonly found at dog parks, farms and campgrounds. Talk to your veterinarian to find the best preventive plan for your furry friend.

FREE
Heartworm Testing

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Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)

Mystery Referral Program!

For each friend you refer, you will receive a bigger, and bigger gift!

Why do routine wellness bloodwork?

Even in young, otherwise apparently healthy pets, blood work is beneficial to determine a normal baseline for your pet or to provide early detection of underlying health conditions. Wellness Profiles are often used to screen for general overall health of organs such as thyroid, liver and kidneys, and include electrolytes, glucose and complete blood count as well as the heartworm parasite in dogs. Annual wellness blood work is recommended by most veterinarians. This may sound like a lot but it is important to remember that one human year for your pet is equivalent to anywhere from 4-7 years of aging for your pet!

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What Is the Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)?

Feline leukemia virus is a transmittable retrovirus that can severely inhibit a cat's immune system. It is one of the most commonly diagnosed causes of disease and death in domestic cats. Because the virus doesn't always show symptoms right away, any new cat entering a household—and any sick cat—should be tested for FeLV.

What Are the Signs of FeLV?

Cats can be infected and show no signs. Signs may include: loss of appetite and weight loss, pale or inflamed gums, poor coat condition, abscesses, fever, upper respiratory infections, diarrhea, vomiting, seizures, changes in behavior, vision or other eye problems, enlarged lymph nodes, reproductive problems (in females), jaundice, chronic skin disease, respiratory distress, lethargy.

How Do Cats Get FeLV?

The FeLV virus is shed in bodily fluids, including saliva, nasal secretions, urine, feces and blood. FeLV is most commonly transmitted through direct contact, mutual grooming and sharing litter boxes, food and water bowls, and bite wounds from other cats. It can also be passed in utero or through mother's milk.

How Can FeLV Be Prevented?

There is a vaccine available for cats who are at risk of contracting FeLV. But with any infectious disease, the best prevention is eliminating sources of exposure. Routine FeLV testing and keeping your cat indoors and away from cats whose FeLV status is not known remains the best way to prevent infection in your cat.

How Is FeLV Diagnosed?

FeLV is detected using a very small sample of your cat's blood, with results within 10-15

How Is FeLV Treated?

Sadly there is no cure for FeLV, it is estimated that less than 20% of clinically infected cats survive more than three years of active infection. Treatment often focuses on providing the best quality of life including a balanced diet, a quiet place to sleep, and health checks every 6 months at your local veterinary office. FeLV positive cats should avoid raw meat, eggs, and unpasteurized dairy, as these can introduce unnecessary bacterial or parasitic infections.

My Cat is FeLV-Positive but Symptom-Free. Can I Get Another Cat?

During the early stages of infection, a cat may not show any clinical signs, but can still pass the virus to other cats. It's inadvisable to introduce an uninfected cat into the household, even if they are properly vaccinated against FeLV, as those living in close quarters with affected cats are most at risk for infection.

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