

HEARTWORM WAIVER

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease that can affect dogs, and in some cases cats. Heartworms reside within the large vessels of the heart, and the heart itself. This parasite can cause serious and permanent damage to the circulatory system, which can in turn cause congestive heart failure, breathing problems, and death.

Heartworm disease can be prevented by a simple, once monthly dosing of heartworm preventative, such as Interceptor or Heartgard. These preventatives, however, can cause a life-threatening reaction if given to a pet that already has heartworm disease. Due to this we highly recommend that you test your pet before starting the preventative, or if you have lapsed on treatment for 2 months or more. We also recommend that you re-test your pet every 2 years. Interceptor and Heartgard guarantees their products only if the recommended 2 year re-testing protocol is followed. I understand by giving a heartworm preventative without the recommended testing could cause serious side effects. I also understand that by not re-testing every 2 years, the guarantee put forth by Interceptor and Heartgard is null and void. By signing this waiver I agree not to hold Westbrook Animal Hospital, PLC, it's staff and agents, responsible for any side effects brought forth from medication.

Owner/agent: _____

Date: _____

Veterinarian: _____

Witness: _____