

THE TAIL Wagger



First Quarter 2025



Dr. Jonathan Shivers

Leader of the Pack

Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to a great 2025 at both Companion Pet Care and Indian Creek Pet Hospital. Having two locations in Fort Myers allows us to offer our patients the most compassionate care with flexible appointments. Speaking of our locations, we are so excited about our NEW location for Companion Pet Care! We moved just across the parking lot from where we were, making it so convenient for our current patients. We are thrilled with our new space as it is much more spacious in all areas of the clinic. If you haven't seen it already, we can't wait for you to come visit. We know you and your furry friends will love it! Thank you for entrusting me and my teams at Indian Creek Pet Hospital and Companion Pet Care with the Care of your beloved pets. We all look forward to working with you and your pets with the best medical care.

Companion Pet Care's Big Move!

We are super excited about our NEW location and we think you will be too! It is a larger space where we are able to service our patients even more efficiently. The best part of this move is that it is just across the parking lot from where we were, making it very convenient for our existing patients.

We look forward to seeing you at our new location:
4980 Royal Gulf Circle,
Fort Myers, FL 33966



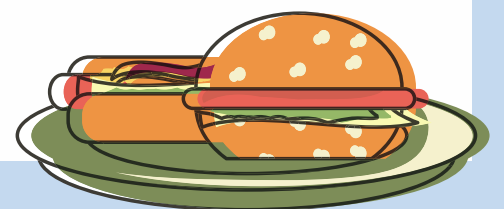
Upcoming Events

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

To celebrate our new location, we will be having an **OPEN HOUSE** on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 12:00pm - 2:00pm. You won't want to miss it!

There will be food, drinks, raffles, and tours of our new clinic! All are invited to come and enjoy the fun. This event is just for people, we ask you leave your pets at home except for service animals.

Check our Facebook page for more details!

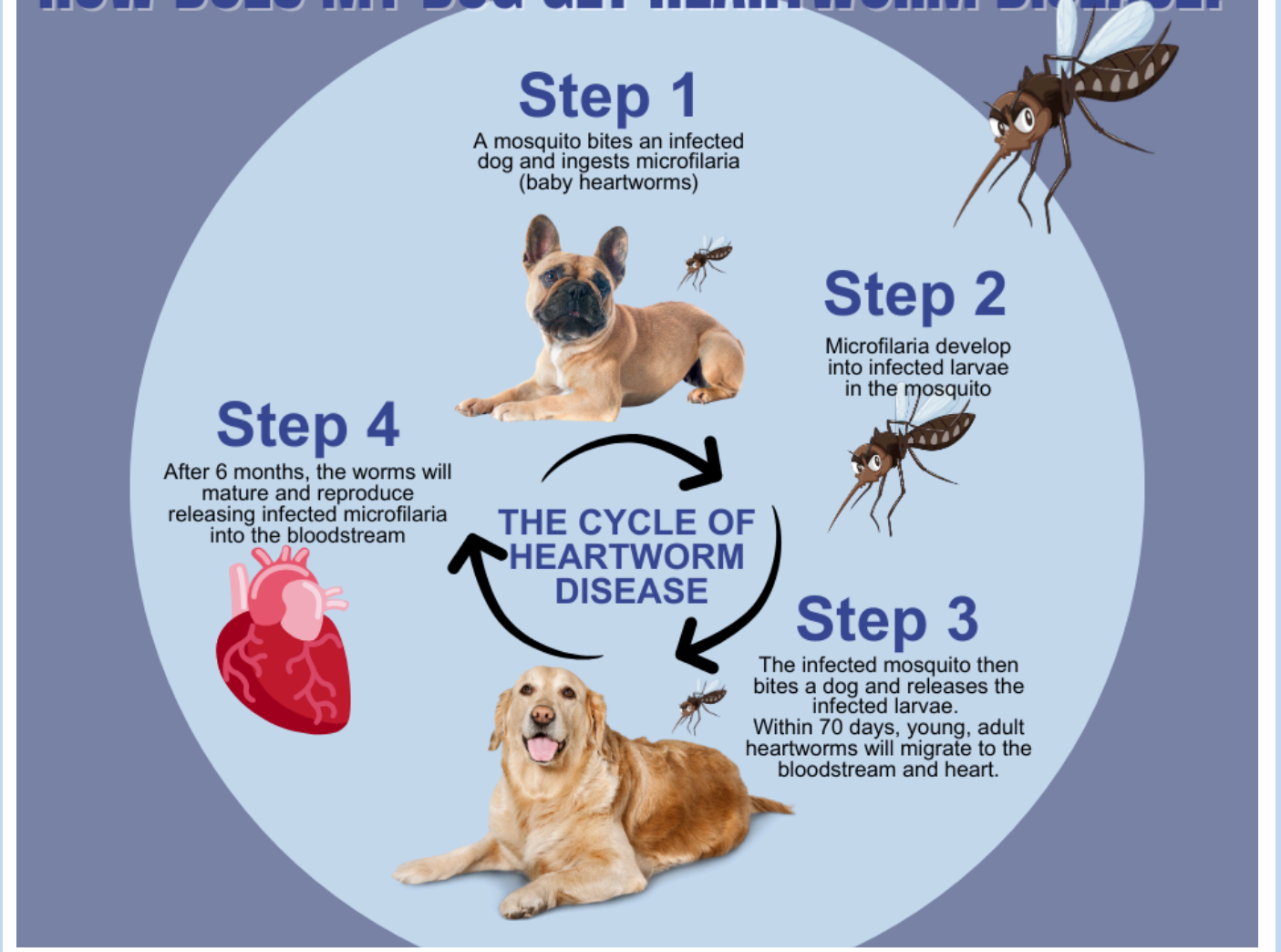


Pet Health

Heartworm Disease in Pets - What is it and What Causes It?

Heartworm disease is a serious disease that results in severe lung disease, heart failure, other organ damage, and death in pets, mainly dogs, cats, and ferrets. It is caused by a parasitic worm called *Dirofilaria immitis*. The worms are spread through the bite of a mosquito. The dog is the definitive host, meaning that the worms mature into adults, mate, and produce offspring while living inside a dog. The mosquito is the intermediate host, meaning

HOW DOES MY DOG GET HEARTWORM DISEASE?



that the worms live inside a mosquito for a short transition period in order to become infective (able to cause heartworm disease). The worms are called “heartworms” because the adults live in the heart, lungs, and associated blood vessels of an infected animal. *(Information provided by the FDA)*

Heartworm is easily prevented with monthly heartworm prevention. It starts with having your pet tested annually for heartworms. This is done at your pet’s annual wellness visits. We will then put your pet on the proper heartworm prevention. In Florida, heartworm prevention is needed all year round because mosquitoes exist all year round. Keep your pet safe, be sure they are on heartworm prevention.

Follow Us on Facebook & Instagram!

Did you know that Companion Pet Care and Indian Creek Pet Hospital are on social media? We post so many informative and fun topics on Facebook and Instagram including a weekly Trivia question that you can win prizes for!

We have made it easy for you to connect with us with our QR Codes. Just scan them and you will be connected to informative pet health related topics, pet safety tips, clinic information and so much more!



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