



## **HEARTWORM POST-TREATMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Exercise:**

- Enforced Rest (Cage rest) is *ESSENTIAL* for 30 days!
- Positively *NO* Strenuous Exercise for 8 weeks!
- Leash walk *ONLY*

*The heartworms will die over the next 6 weeks. As they die and are broken down, pieces of them could lodge in blood vessels, causing complication especially if your pet's activity is too strenuous. **THE FIRST DAYS AFTER TREATMENT ARE THE MOST CRITICAL!** It is best to limit your pet to leash exercise only long enough to urinate and have bowel movements. Avoid all excitable circumstances and stress as much as possible.*

***It's very important to recheck in 30 days for an oral treatment to kill the microfilaria.***

### **Environment:**

- Maintain a dry, stable environment.
- **Do NOT** leave outside in extremely hot weather.
- Fresh water at all times.

### **Observation:**

Notify the Clinic if *ANY* of the following occur:

- Coughing *FREQUENTLY*, especially if coughing up blood
- Refusal to eat.
- If your dog acts like they feel poorly .
- Blood in the urine or bowel movements.
- Labored breathing.
- Anything else unusual for your dog.
- The shots are required from the manufer to be given in the lower back muscle, and sometimes can cause lower back muscle pain.

It is important that we take all precautions to prevent heartworm reinfestation in your pet. So heartworm prevention should be started one month after oral treatment and should continue for the rest of pets life.

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