

**Alsbury Animal Hospital**

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**HEARTWORM TREATMENT RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS**

There are a few things that you need to do at home to insure that your pet's recovery from heartworm treatment is complete. Please follow the guidelines checked below and be sure to call us if you have any questions about the treatment or the steps outlined below.

Once your pet begins treatment, an 8 week period of confinement is necessary. During this time it is very important that exercise and excitement be avoided. This is because the worms are dying and dissolving in the heart and blood vessels. Excessive exercise or excitement will make the heart beat faster and the blood flow faster. This could allow large pieces of dead worms to lodge in smaller vessels and act as a clot, possibly causing serious complications or even death. **Your pet must be on a leash at all times when outside for the entire 8 week process.**

(x) Please restrict activity for 8 weeks. Tranquilizers may be available if needed to help your pet tolerate confinement or restriction of activity. Please let us know if you feel these will be necessary.

(x) Your pet will receive the first injection this visit. Your pet needs to return in 30 days for two more injections and will be staying one night in the hospital.

(x) Start heartworm prevention (Heartgard) before initiation of treatment or after completion of treatment, not during the heartworm treatment.

(x) Please bring your pet in for a heartworm test in 6 months.

**Once again, please feel free to call if you have any questions about this process or if you feel your animal is not doing well. Thank You.**