

Deworming Your New Foster

What is dewormer?

Parasitic worms can have potentially serious effects on an animal's health, particularly young animals like puppies and kittens if preventative measures aren't taken. There are also certain types of worms that can infect humans, which are usually passed on through your furry friend, so to keep all your family safe, here's a quick run through of what you need to know about worms and preventing them. Dewormer is administered to kill and prevent worms from spreading.

How do I administer the dewormer?

Instructions for the type of dewormer should be written on the bag or syringe provided to you. All dewormer is given orally, either sprinkled onto the food or directly in the mouth if in liquid form.



What if I see worms?

- If intestinal parasites pass *after* dewormer is given this is GOOD! This means the medication has worked and killing the parasites. It is possible for a dog or cat to vomit worms if heavily infested.
- If it has been more than 2 weeks and you continue to see worms in the animal's feces, alert your foster manager and another round of dewormer will be administered. Puppies and kittens less than 8 weeks old should have at least 2 rounds of dewormer 2 weeks apart.

Housekeeping

- Feces should be picked up and removed to prevent re-infection of parasites or the spread of parasites to other house guests.
- It is important to administer the dewormer right away!!

Signs of Parasitic Infection

There are times that an animal has parasites that you cannot see with the naked eye.

In these cases, please contact your coordinator to have a fecal check completed.

1. Thin
2. Unable to put on weight
3. Poor Hair Coat
4. Diarrhea/Vomiting
5. Lethargic
6. Pale Gums