

Thank you for adopting one of our awesome heartworm positive dogs! Dallas Animal Services is excited to be able to provide therapy to your new friend free of charge!



Caring for your dog after heartworm therapy

Heartworm therapy has been initiated for your new dog using a single injection of ProHeart 12™ (moxidectin) and Diroban™ (melarsomine). This therapy is designed to stop further infection and possibly eliminate the heartworm burden of your dog over time. **It is important that you take your new dog to see your private veterinarian immediately to allow them to evaluate and provide any additional treatment or testing they deem necessary.**

Keeping calm is key

For up to 6 weeks after receiving these injections, it will be absolutely essential to keep your dog calm. That means restricting all exercise and activity that would elevate your dog's heart rate or increase his blood pressure. That's because dead heartworms potentially lead to fatal blood clots.



Kennel Rest! While indoors your dog should be kept in a kennel most of the time. Running, playing and jumping should not be allowed during the post-treatment phase.



When your dog needs to go outside, **use the leash.** That way, the sight of a squirrel running up a tree or other distractions won't send him running.



Remember that as difficult as the 6-week restricted activity period might be for your dog after therapy, it is one of the most important parts of heartworm treatment.

If you are afraid that your dog will struggle under these restrictions, ask your personal veterinarian about the options for keeping your dog still and calm during this critical recovery phase.

SEE YOUR VETERINARIAN IMMEDIATELY **if you note your pet has any of the following!**

Coughing | Vomiting | Loss of Appetite | Lethargy
Difficultly Breathing | Seizures | Significantly Soft Stools

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR DOG CALM

Guidance on making it through the “quiet phase” of heartworm therapy recovery:

- **Replace activity with affection.** Snuggle up while you're online, reading or watching TV.
- **Keep your dog away from visitors** (both humans & animals) and even windows, if he barks at outside activity.
- **Stretch out meal times.** Put part of your dog's daily food portion in a hollow chew toy or “puzzle feeder” so that he will spend hours extracting food or treats from them. Snuggle up while you're online, reading or watching TV.
- **Give him things to chew.** A bored dog is sometimes a destructive dog. Durable chew toys can channel this behavior and help keep your confined dog happily occupied.