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Heartworm Disease: Removal of Microfilariae

General Information

After your pet has been treated for adult heartworms, the immature worms (microfilariae) must be removed from the blood to prevent your pet from serving as a source of infection for other dogs.

Microfilariae are eliminated with medication. After the treatment period, a blood sample will be checked. If microfilariae are still present, treatment is repeated until the blood is free of microfilariae.

After the doctor is certain that all microfilariae have been eliminated, a program of preventive medication is instituted so your dog does not become reinfected.

Important Points in Treatment

1. *Medication:* Give all medication as directed. Call the doctor if you cannot give the medication.

2. *Special instructions:* _____

Notify the Doctor if Any of the Following Occur

- Your pet refuses to eat or seems depressed.
- Your pet vomits the medication or food.
- There is a change in your pet's general health.