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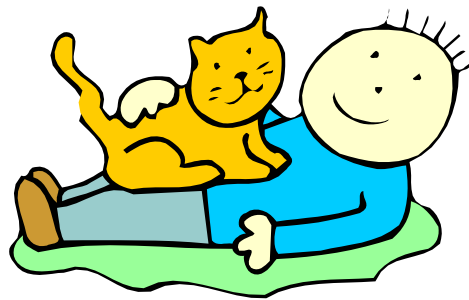
## CAN I GET WORMS FROM MY PET?

**ZOONOTIC DISEASE:** is the medical term for any disease that people can “catch” from animals.

More than 150 diseases are transmissible to people (about 1/3 of all known diseases). Preventing them is important. **The main prevention strategy is nothing more than GOOD SANITATION.**

Some of the most common zoonotic diseases include:

- Roundworms
- Hookworms
- Toxoplasmosis
- Cat Scratch Fever
- Ringworm
- Scabies
- Tuberculosis
- Salmonella



The National Center for Disease Control recommends that veterinarians advise their clients of the potential risk and take measures to prevent the problem.

### HUMAN WORM INFECTION RECOMMENDATIONS:

- All pets should have an internal parasite test at least once/year, more frequently if worms are seen at home.
- Dogs should be given once-a-month heartworm preventive and flea prevention (Sentinel Spectrum or Trifexis) that also controls roundworms, hookworms and whipworms (Sentinel Spectrum controls tapeworm also).
- Deworm all new puppies to your household at least two times 2 weeks apart, then use the once per month prevention as described above.
- Pregnant women should not clean out the cat’s litter box or do any gardening (working with the hands in the soil) without wearing gloves.

**DON’T PANIC.** The incidence of pet to human worm transmission is very low.

**CAUTION and GOOD SANITATION are “the keys.”**

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