

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE

You will discover there are several different types of heartworm and flea/tick prevention. Following is a list of the various types of heartworm and flea/tick medication available for your pets. Please consult your veterinarian in deciding which of these medications is right for your pet's specific needs.

Heartgard Plus – is used for the prevention of heartworms and the intestinal parasites commonly known as hookworms and roundworms. It comes in the form of a chewable beef flavored tablet, which is given on a monthly basis.

Interceptor – is used primarily for heartworm prevention and offers protection against hookworms, roundworms and whipworms. This is a small tablet that is also given on a monthly basis.

Proheart – is used for heartworms and intestinal hookworms. It is available by injection and must be administered by your veterinarian once every 6 months.

Sentinel – is a combination of Interceptor and Program. It is very effective in preventing heartworms, hookworms, roundworms and whipworms. Sentinel also sterilizes the adult flea. This is a small tablet given on a monthly basis.

Revolution – is used to prevent heartworms, treat and control ear mites, and prevent and control flea infestations. While very effective in dogs, this product is a great choice for heartworm prevention in cats because it also controls hookworms and roundworms. It is available in topical form and must be applied once a month.

Flea and Tick Prevention Only

Advantage is a topical used for flea prevention, and must be applied once a month.

Frontline is a topical used for flea and tick prevention, and must be applied once a month. It also contains a growth hormone regulator that breaks the flea life cycle.

Program is an oral medication designed to break the flea life cycle by sterilizing the adult flea. It is also available as an injection for cats given every 6 months.

Comfortis is a chewable tablet given monthly to kill fleas and prevent infestations.