



Parasites that infect pets can infect PEOPLE, too!

- How do these parasites infect people?
 - Dogs and cats of any age may get roundworms and hookworms. The animals infected with these worms contaminate their surroundings by passing eggs or larvae in their feces (waste).
 - People get roundworm and hookworm infections through direct contact with infected feces. This usually happens by chance ingestion of contaminated soil, sand, plant life, or via exposed skin to the soil.
- How do roundworms harm people?
 - Roundworms enter the body when ingested as eggs that soon hatch into larva. These larvae travel through the liver, lungs, and other organs. In most cases, these “wandering worms” cause no symptoms or apparent damage. However, in some cases, the larvae may cause damage to tissue, affect nerves, or even lodge in the eye. In extreme cases, they may cause permanent nerve, or eye damage, even blindness.
- How do hookworms harm people?
 - Hookworm larvae typically move about within the skin, causing inflammation in the affected skin. One type of hookworm can penetrate into deeper tissues and cause more serious damage to the intestine and other organs.

We, at Price Creek Animal Hospital, recommend the following steps to prevent roundworm and hookworms infections:

1. Have all pets tested yearly and, in some cases, every 6 months.
2. Have puppies and kittens dewormed at an early age.
3. Start and keep all of your pets on a preventive drug program that treats and controls these parasites.
4. Keep play areas, lawns, and gardens around your home free of animal waste.
 - Bag and dispose of pet feces
 - Cover sand boxes when not in use
5. Obey leash Laws
 - When on walks, clean up after your pet.

I have read and understand the foregoing information. I understand this is a list of only the most common parasites. I understand that I must be proactive and responsible for protecting both my animals and my family from these parasites.

Client/Owner (signature)

Date

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