

Riverview Animal Hospital

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2015

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 out of 16 dogs tested positive for Lyme disease in the United States in 2014
- 1 out of 96 dogs tested positive for heartworm disease in the state of Kentucky in 2014
- 1 out of 184 dogs tested positive for heartworm disease in the state of Ohio in 2014
- Source: capevet.org

Our Heartworm test and Tick Panel test

Q: What does the panel test for?

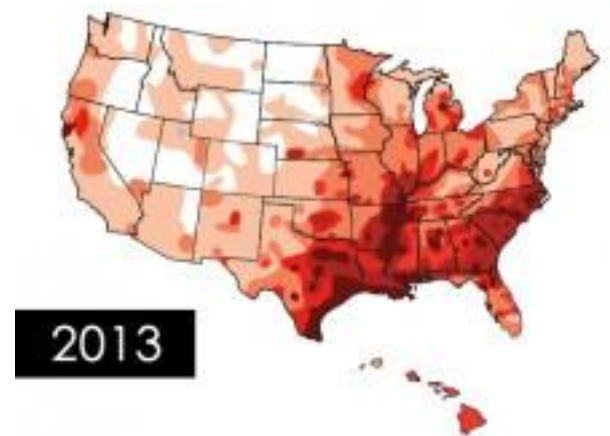
A: Every year we recommend a heartworm test. Our heartworm test includes a tick panel, testing for Erlichia, Anaplasmosis, and Lyme disease. These diseases are becoming more prevalent as our pets are traveling with us especially to endemic areas (the Northeastern part of the USA).

Q: Why test for tick borne diseases?

A: Being able to detect tick borne diseases in our pets before they become very sick will give a better outcome to their treatment. It also allows us to notify you, the pet owner, if you potentially could have been exposed to ticks carrying these diseases. We strongly believe in preventing disease rather than treating it, so if you're planning on traveling to an endemic area let us know so we can properly vaccinate your pet to protect them!

April is National Heartworm Awareness Month

Heartworms are spread by a mosquito biting your dog or cat. We recommend keeping your pets protected by giving them prevention on a monthly basis. To the right you can see the incidence map of heartworms in the United States (darker red indicates more cases). We also recommend testing your dog on annual basis as nothing is 100% effective. We will work with you to find the best heartworm prevention for your pet depending on your pet's preferences and your lifestyle.



“WAIT” approach to petting a dog

May 17-23 is National Dog Bite Prevention week. When you want to pet a dog use the “WAIT” approach recommended by the AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association).

W= Wait before approaching a dog to see if they look friendly

A= Ask the owner permission before approaching and petting their dog

I= Invite the dog to come to you. Hold your hand down by your side and let the dog smell you

T= Touch the dog along their back in the direction that their hair grows

Meet Christy!



Christy is our full time receptionist at RAH, she started in the spring of 2014. You may see her helping out in the exam rooms too. Christy does a great job getting to know everyone and their pets! She grew up in Cincinnati and attended Colerain High School in which she was involved in softball and volleyball. She continued on playing ball into college at Kent State University. Before joining RAH, she worked at a local independent pharmacy for 9 years. In her spare time, she likes to hang out with her English Mastiffs, Zeus and Hera, and play in local softball tournaments.