

5 FAQs From Clients About Parasite Protection

Each member of the veterinary team must work together with pet owners to ensure pets receive appropriate parasite protection. This starts in the exam room, where effective communication with clients can help avoid pushback and promote proper protection. Janet McConnell, CVT, addresses 5 questions clients frequently ask to prepare veterinary teams for these discussions. To learn more about this topic, scan the QR code below and listen to the full discussion between Janet and Sam Sacasa, CVT, in the Vet2Vet Tech Takeover video.

1. What parasites affect pets?

Explaining what parasites affect pets, the health complications they can cause, and potential zoonotic threats can help a pet owner understand the importance of parasite protection. For example, the risk of heartworm disease is increasing to outdoor and indoor pets across the U.S. Common intestinal parasites like hookworms and roundworms carry potential for zoonotic infections. Awareness sparks action—an owner is more likely to protect their pet if they know the consequences of parasite infection.

2. Why is year-round parasite protection important?

Many pet owners believe that parasite protection is necessary only in the warmer months or in certain geographic areas. Stress that year-round protection is vital, since many parasites are active regardless of the weather, and explain why missed doses put their pet at risk.

3. Does my pet need parasite protection if I don't see parasites?

Pet owners who see no parasites on their pet may be reluctant to invest in protection. Explain that parasites aren't always apparent—fleas are often groomed away, ticks can be extremely tiny, and heartworm and intestinal parasite detection requires diagnostic tests.

4. Does my indoor pet need parasite protection?

People who have indoor pets often neglect parasite protection. Explain how parasites can easily get inside their home via open windows and doors, by tagging along on clothes, or hitching a ride on people or other pets allowed outdoors.

5. What parasite protection is best for my pet?

Pet owners appreciate convenience and don't want to struggle to medicate their pet. Explain the parasite protection options to help the owner find the product that works best for them, because they will more likely comply if administration is easy.



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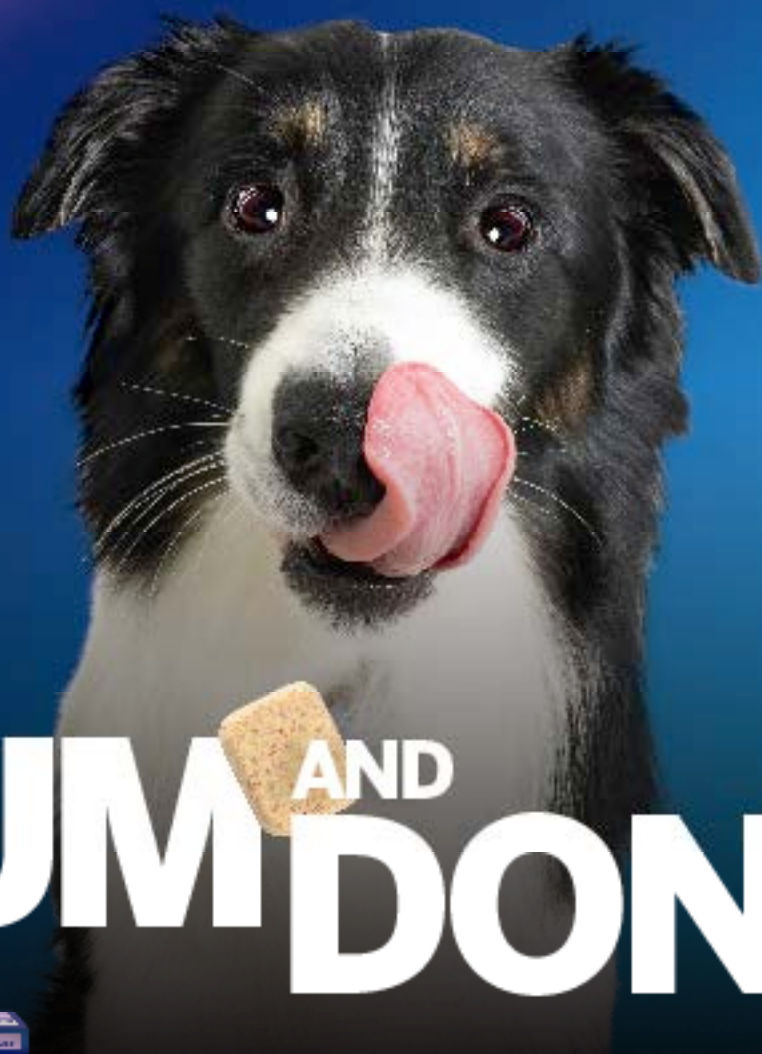
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