Parasites don’t want to kill your kitten or puppy; they just want to use them as a dinner plate! Our goal is to prevent that from happening. Intestinal parasites have been around forever and are not going away, but you can control them with the proper deworming schedule! Hookworms and roundworms are by far the most common intestinal worms found in puppies and kittens. Roundworms compete with your pet for food and hookworms live on blood causing anemia.

Rough hair coats, diarrhea, malnutrition progressing to intestinal obstruction, and anemia are common issues with worms! We want to feed our pets - not the parasites. That is why we deworm. Don’t wait until you are sure your pet has parasites – they have already caused damage at this point.

**Strategic Deworming Guidelines:**
Strategic deworming is a practice recommended by the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists (AAVP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Puppies & Kittens:**
This growth phase of their life is when they are most susceptible!
- Deworm at 2, 4, 6, & 8 weeks of age, then again at 12 & 16 weeks of age.
- You can then move to 6 months and 1 year, then deworm as an adult.

**Adult Dogs and Cats:**
We are recommending the standard here. If your pet is a big hunter they will need more frequent deworming - you must assess the risk for your pet.
- General Dog or Cat: Twice a year for life.
  - Dogs put everything in their mouth and need twice a year deworming to eliminate the parasites they will pick up.
  - Outside cats twice a year for the same reason.
- Cats that are strictly inside animals: Deworm once a year.
- Cats that like to hunt: 3 times a year may be necessary.
Newly Acquired Animals:
No matter what the history or age, assume they have parasites!
- Deworm immediately and repeat in 2 weeks.
- Put on the above adult program.

May We Suggest:
- Round and Hookworms
  - Lambert Kay® Evict® Liquid Wormer
  - Pfizer Nemex®
- Roundworms, Hookworms, Whipworms & Tapeworms from rodents
  - Panacur® C Canine Dewormer
- Tapeworms
  - Trade Winds® Tape Worm Tabs®
- Tapeworm, Roundworm & Hookworms
  - Drontal® for Cats
  - Sentry® WormXPlus™

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We take care of people who take care of pets.

- Dr. B