

PINE CITY ANIMAL HOSPITAL

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Care instructions for pets that have had Heartworm treatment.

- 1.) Your dog may seem sore or be swollen in the lower back area. That is because those areas are where the heartworm treatment injections were given. That area should get better with time.
- 2.) For the next **eight weeks** your pet needs **very restricted activity**. That means **leash walking, monitored activity, and NO rough housing**. This is a **very** important part of your dog's recovery because as those heartworms are dying off they are being re-absorbed into the dog's body. **If the blood pumps too fast, those heartworms can get lodged in vital organs.**
- 3.) Give your dog monthly Heartworm prevention starting on:
_____ (1 month)
- 4.) Come back for a Heartworm test re-check in:
_____ (4 months)
Please call for an appointment.
- 5.) After your dog's heartworm re-check is negative you will need to continue providing once a month prevention to ensure protection against heartworm along with annual heartworm testing.

CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!