

# Puppy Love

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*Love  
Your  
Doxie*

One of the most loving and caring thing you can do for your doxie is have him tested once a year for microfilaria. The best time to test is in the spring so you can catch any late in season parasites that would not have developed enough for testing during the winter months.



Many experts believe the mosquito is the absolute, most dangerous animal on the planet.

## The 170 Million Year Old Enemy

There is no doubt that we all hate mosquitoes. They have plagued man for time eternal and show no sign of loosing hold on any of their victims, and that includes your precious little doxie.

This is not a fun topic to explore but it is so vital to the life of your dog that we have to face facts. All 50 states have mosquitoes and it only takes the bite of one infected blood sucking mosquito to infect your dog with heartworm disease ~ and it is lethal!

Transmission occurs when a mosquito bites an infected dog and ingests heartworm larvae. When that mosquito bites another dog it injects some of the larvae under his skin resulting in the dog contracting Canine Heartworm Disease (CHWD).

The health of the dog with CHWD becomes more complicated when a female filaria produces offspring (microfilaria), causing pulmonary arteries leading to the heart and lungs to become obstructed. The resulting reduced blood flow leads to heart failure and the dog will die.

But, there is good news for all dogs ~ CHWD is 100% preventable! There are a variety of oral prescription products that you can purchase from your veterinarian. The medication is simple ~ one pill each month.

CHWD is treatable, but it is so much wiser to prevent it. than to treat it!

## Mosquito Patrol Duties

- \* Empty bird baths regularly.
- \* Clean out debris clogging gutters.
- \* Turn over kiddie pools after each swim.
- \* Dispose old tires appropriately.
- \* Do not leave buckets, barrels, or other water containers outside.
- \* Drain puddles or other areas that contain stagnant water.
- \* Stock ponds with mosquito eating fish.

Studies have shown that electrocution and ultrasonic pest devices are ineffective for mosquito control. It has been proven they attract more mosquitoes than they kill. For protecting areas outside your home such as patios or decks use General Electric yellow bug lights and an electric fan.

*Dachshund... another word for love!*