

Ask the vet

How often should I worm my pet?



Worming your Dog or Cat is very important, It is recommended that as an adult they are wormed **every 3 Months** (4 times per year).

As puppies or kittens, worming can start from 2 weeks and repeated every two week until 12 weeks. I often tell my clients never to be surprised when their new little puppy expels a lot of round worms (picture above), after a visit to the vet where a worming product has been administered. This is normal in puppies and kittens as worms can be transferred to the puppy or kitten during lactation. However it does reinforce the fact that worms are part of having an animal, and parents must be responsible to get the animals wormed and children must be taught to wash hands after handling pets.

The products used to worm your pet can vary a get deal it is therefore important that you seek the correct advise from your Vet or Veterinary Nurse as all products do not kill all worms .

There are different types of worms eg. Round worms, tape worms and hook worms.

There are also different stages of development of the worms in the pet ie. Egg, larvae and adult worms.

Some products will only kill the adult stage, which will mean within 3-4 weeks worming will be required again.

Cats can be difficult to administer tablets there are products available that can be easily administered to the skin

I advise the use of a comprehensive worming product with ease of administration for the owner, recommended by veterinary professionals

It must be remembered that when your pet is wormed it may remove all traces of worms on that day, but animals being animals they may pick up eggs the next day and the cycle begin again, worming every three months is what is recommended for good pet health, but there are circumstance where people may

like to worm on a monthly basis, this removes the risk of any worms. Where there are young children or pregnant women is an example where monthly is appropriate as some worms have a zoonotic potential ie can transfer to humans