

Flea and Tick Preventative

I recommend using the monthly spot-on treatments such as **Frontline Plus, Advantage, or Advantix**. I strongly recommend using one of these three brands, as they have been proven safe for pets. While the active ingredient of generic formulas is the same, the vehicle that delivers the chemical is not and has been known to cause serious reactions, even death.

I typically apply Frontline or Advantage once a month between the months of April – October. Depending on weather in your area, you may want to just use it year round.

Frontline, Advantage, or Advantix can be purchased at pet stores or through your vet.

Heartworm Preventative

Heartworm disease is carried by mosquitos. If your dog gets bit by a mosquito carrying the disease and is not on preventative, they will contract the disease. It can be treated in some cases, if caught early, but is a very costly treatment.

Most heartworm preventative also prevents against other internal parasites such as roundworms and tapeworms, so I recommend keeping your dog on it year round. Because the preventative can be dangerous if given to a pet who has already contracted the disease, if you lapse on the preventative (skip one month), your vet will require a heartworm test prior to dispensing more preventative. Many areas require annual tests regardless of whether they are on preventative.

Heartworm preventative must be purchased through your veterinarian. Several options are available; I use and recommend **Interceptor**.