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**TRUE or FALSE:**

**We do not need to worry about intestinal parasite infections in our pets during the winter.**

Though it may surprise you, the answer is FALSE. Our pets **are** at risk of intestinal parasite infections year round. The eggs of roundworms and whipworms are resilient and can survive even the freezing temperatures of Minnesota. Parasite eggs are often present in environments contaminated by animal feces: parks, playgrounds and yards. Infection occurs when the pet ingests the egg or larva, which grows to an adult worm that lives in the intestinal tract. The cycle continues as the infected pets then begins passing eggs in their stool. Parasite infection are not only harmful to the health of the pet, but can be a health risk to the family. Multiple canine and feline parasites can infect people causing a variety of serious diseases.

For this reason, we recommend a monthly deworming schedule for all dogs and outdoor cats. Your dog's monthly heartworm pill, when continued year-round, is effective at treating and controlling many of the most concerning intestinal parasites. An annual fecal examination should be performed to screen for further intestinal parasite infections. Please bring a stool sample to all annual exams and consult your veterinarian on the appropriate deworming protocol to keep your pet healthy and your family safe.

-Janell Abram, DVM