

DID YOU KNOW THAT EVEN AN INDOOR CAT IS THE PERFECT HOST FOR PARASITES?



Dear

Parasites are clever, and sometimes even deadly, creatures. How much do you know about keeping your cat protected from diseases caused by parasites?

Take our quiz and find out!

True or False? Indoor cats are safe from parasites.

False. Parasites can be brought into the house a variety of ways including by other animals, people, mosquitoes or rodents.

True or False? At least I can see the fleas on my cat and pick them off to control an infestation.

False. You really only see the adult fleas – and they are only the tip of the iceberg making up only about 5% of the flea population in the home.

True or False? Fleas are the only parasite I have to worry about.

False. Other parasites that are lurking inside and outside of your house include heartworms, ear mites, roundworms* and hookworms.† They can all cause various forms of disease, some which could be fatal.

True or False? My family is safe from parasites.

False. Parasites not only affect your cat's health, some may also be dangerous to people – especially children.

True or False? There is an effective way to protect my cat from parasites?

True. Once-monthly treatments can keep your cat protected from a broad range of parasites and experts agree that year-round broad-spectrum parasite prevention is recommended for cats.¹

That's good news for your family. And great news for your cat.

If we haven't seen your cat recently, call us today to schedule an appointment and ask us about a safe, proven way to protect your cat from parasites inside and out.

Sincerely,

Your cat's doctors and friends at

P.S. In a clinical study, >25% of cats diagnosed with heartworm disease were confirmed by their owners to be "indoor only" cats.²

¹ Companion Animal Parasite Council Web site. <http://www.petsandparasites.org/other/guidelines.html> Accessed 9/14/2011

² Atkins CE, DeFrancesco TC, Coats JR, Sidley JA, Keene BW. Heartworm infection in cats: 50 cases (1985-1997). *J Am Vet Med Assoc.* 2000;217(3):355-358.

* *Toxocara cati*

† *Ancylostoma tubeforme*