



NEXT-LEVEL PROTECTION FOR NEXT-LEVEL BONDS

Helping to protect your puppy from
key parasites couldn't be easier –
find out how inside this leaflet.



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WELCOME YOUR PUPPY, NOT PARASITES, TO YOUR FAMILY.

Your puppy is a new and special part of your family.

Their curiosity and enthusiasm for sniffing, licking and thoroughly exploring – or even eating – everything in their path is part of why you love them. Unfortunately, parasites love them too.

Your puppy's immune system is still developing, and their determination to poke their nose into every possible puddle and corner puts them at risk of harmful parasites, including lungworms and roundworms.



But your puppy isn't just exploring alone. They need to socialise by meeting other people and dogs in a controlled, positive way, helping them to grow into a confident and well-adjusted adult dog.

Unfortunately, playtime with other pets is a great way to pass on parasites such as fleas and mites, which can cause serious irritation for your puppy.

Taking your puppy out and about after their vaccines are completed is vital to their development – so how can you do this safely?

Ask your vet about how to keep your puppy protected from the parasites in this booklet – so you can focus on the joy of them experiencing the world for the first time, without the worry.

Ask your vet for more information.



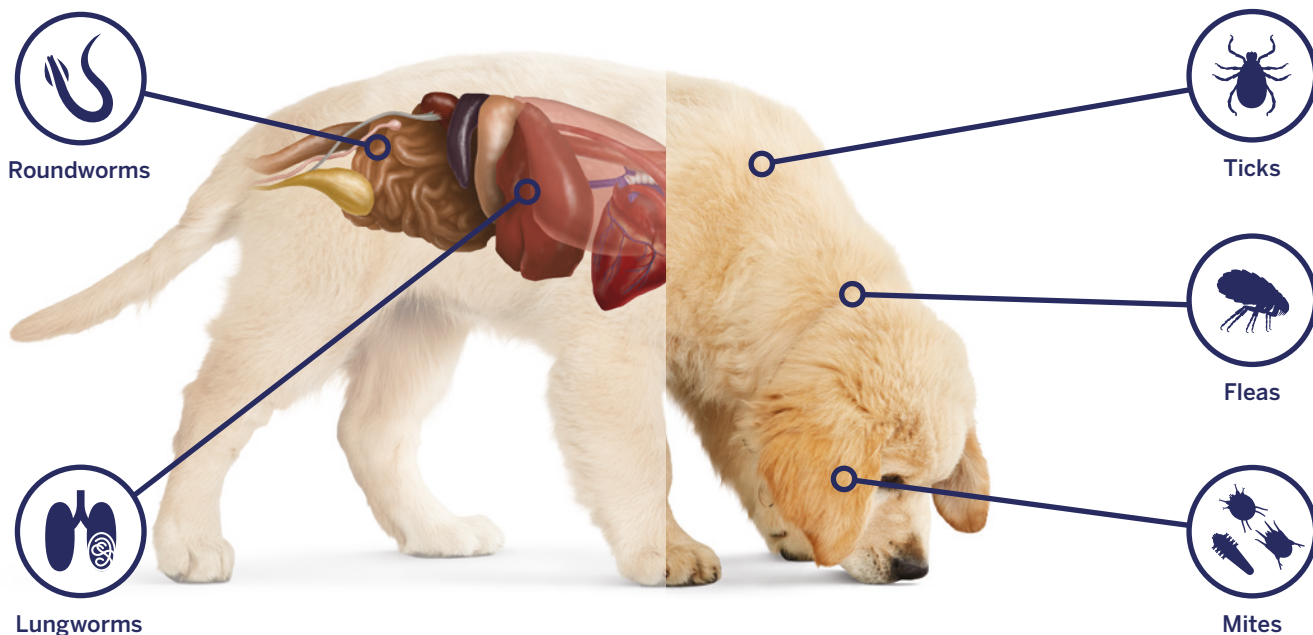
DID YOU KNOW?

'Parasite' is a term that describes any creature that can live on or in your puppy, surviving by taking nutrients at your puppy's expense.

This includes **fleas, ticks, mites, roundworms** and **lungworms**, all of which are common in dogs.



PARASITES LOVE PUPPIES.



Why does your puppy need protecting from all these parasites?
TURN OVER TO FIND OUT



MEET THE PARASITES YOU DON'T WANT ON YOUR PUPPY.

Parasites can cause harm to dogs and puppies – and their human families.



Fleas

Fleas can be a problem all year round, causing intense irritation, itchiness and skin problems.¹ They can also pass on diseases and tapeworms to your puppy – and potentially to humans, too.²

Puppies are particularly vulnerable to being overwhelmed by fleas due to their small size and weaker immune systems, and they can develop anaemia due to blood loss.

Female fleas can lay up to 50 eggs a day – so once they're established, there can be up to 95 flea eggs, larvae or pupae hiding in your home or garden for every 5 fleas on your puppy.¹

Stop fleas before they're a problem. Regular effective treatment can help prevent fleas invading your home.



Ticks

1 in 3 dogs carries ticks³ – but they're often hard to spot. Ticks can feed on your puppy for days, causing discomfort and potentially passing on serious infections such as Lyme diseases in the process.⁴

In the UK, ticks are generally most active from March to November, but they may be found all year round. Your puppy could pick up ticks in parks, woodland and back gardens, so even in urban areas, they can be at risk.

Stop ticks in their tracks with an effective product that kills them quickly, before they have the chance to transmit disease.



Mites

Mites are tiny arachnids (related to ticks and spiders) that infest dogs' skin. They can be highly contagious, easily passing between dogs and puppies as they play.

Ear mites live on the wax and skin oils in the ear canal and can severely irritate your puppy's ears. Other types of mite burrow into the skin and cause mange, which can be intensely itchy and cause hair loss and sores.

Help protect your puppy from mites with an effective monthly treatment that prevents them taking hold.

Ask your vet how to control
these parasites.



AND THE ONES YOU DON'T WANT IN THEM.



Lungworms

Lungworms are increasingly common.^{5,6} These worms can cause serious – and even fatal – health problems in dogs and puppies.⁷

Your puppy can pick up lungworms by accidentally swallowing slugs and snails – for example, while playing with toys left outside, eating grass or scavenging – or even by simply drinking contaminated water.⁸

If your puppy is at risk of lungworms, your vet will need to prescribe a monthly product that can effectively prevent them making your puppy unwell or causing disease.⁹ There are currently no licensed over-the-counter products that include lungworm cover.

Help protect your puppy protected with effective lungworm prevention prescribed by your vet.



Roundworms

Roundworm eggs are everywhere.

Infected dogs shed them in large numbers in their poo for months or even years, and these roundworm eggs have been found in soil from 86.6% of parks in the UK and Ireland.¹⁰ When tested, 1 in 5 dogs have roundworm eggs on their paws and coats¹¹ – and studies show that up to 70% of puppies are infested.¹²

Puppies are particularly susceptible to roundworms and a severe infestation can cause serious health problems for them. These parasites also steal your puppy's nutrition and can affect their growth.

The immature worm larvae migrate through their body and can cause lung disease. The adult worms are large (like pieces of spaghetti up to 10 cm long) and live in the intestines where heavy infections can result in a blockage. Puppies can get roundworms from their mother through the placenta, via their mother's milk or by exposure to worm eggs in their environment.

Roundworms aren't just harmful to your puppy – they can affect people too. Infection in children, who often play in areas where roundworm eggs are found, has been linked to a higher risk of epilepsy,¹³ asthma¹⁴ and lower maths and reading scores.¹⁵

Stop roundworms and their eggs. Regular monthly treatment with an effective product can kill roundworms before they lay eggs, virtually eliminating shedding and helping to keep your puppy – and your family – safe.



YOU NEED PARASITE CONTROL THAT LETS PUPPIES BE PUPPIES.

Bringing your puppy home is an exciting experience for the whole family.

As they settle in, you gradually discover their unique quirks, like and dislikes, and build bonds that will last a lifetime.

The love and affection you show your puppy are key – but giving them the care they need means looking after their health too.

By protecting your puppy from all the parasites in this booklet, you can help to keep their early experiences positive and give them the best chance of becoming a healthy, happy adult.

You'll also get the peace of mind that comes with knowing they're protected – so you can focus on keeping up with them!

Ask your vet to recommend the right parasite control for your puppy.



EXAMPLE PUPPY PARASITE PREVENTION SCHEDULE FROM 8 WEEKS OF AGE.*

Fleas and ticks

Fleas and ticks are most active between spring and autumn, and regular prevention is typically recommended throughout these months to keep dogs and puppies protected.

However, these parasites can be active all year round, with the warmth of central heating allowing fleas to flourish indoors. If your puppy is at risk of fleas and ticks, continuous protection may be recommended.

Mites

Mites can be highly contagious, so if your puppy is mixing with other dogs, regular treatment can prevent them causing a problem.

Lungworms

Dogs and puppies at risk of lungworm disease can be protected with an effective monthly preventative product.

Roundworms

Monthly roundworm treatments are recommended for all puppies until they're at least 6 months old to help protect them from the potentially serious health problems they can cause, ranging from an upset stomach and delayed growth to intestinal blockage.

After 6 months of age, puppies may still need monthly worming, for example if they share a home with small children or anyone immunocompromised.⁹

Continued monthly worming minimises the risk of worm eggs being shed into the environment, helping to protect you and your family.



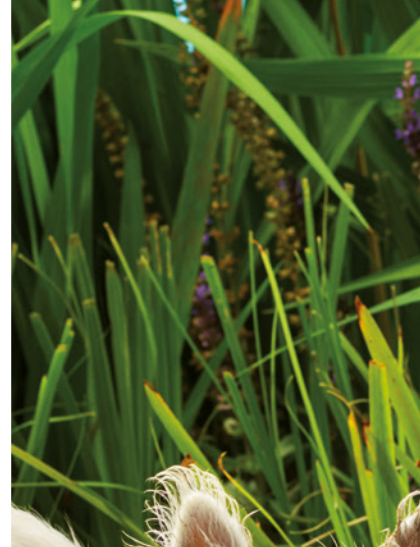
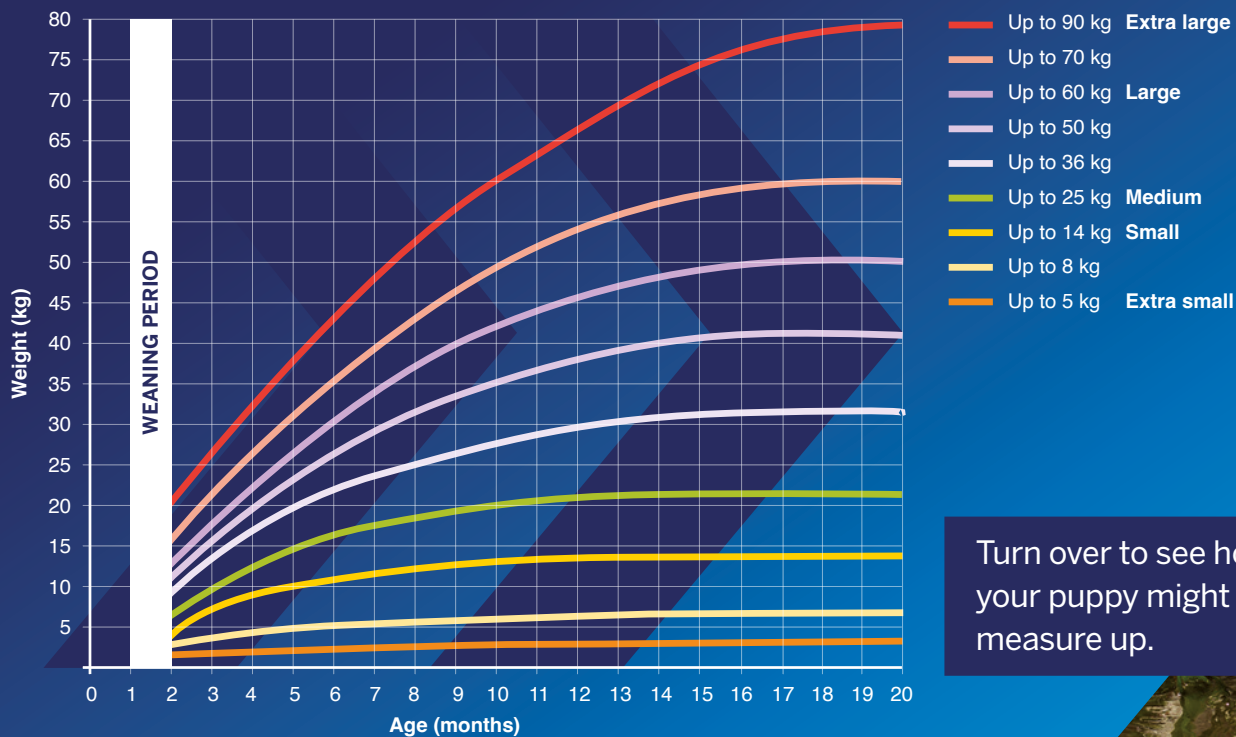
A parasite risk assessment takes just a few minutes and can help you and your vet determine what treatment your puppy needs to keep them protected and give them the best start in life. Take the assessment today to discover your puppy's personalised risk profile. Simply scan here or visit petparasiteprotection.co.uk

*Parasite control should be based on your puppy's risk, including lifestyle factors and their local environment.

PUPPIES GROW QUICKLY.

Make sure they always receive the right dose.

Weighing your puppy monthly is the best way to ensure they always get the optimum dose for them – and it's a great way to check they're growing well.



TYPICAL ADULT DOG WEIGHTS.

Extra large

Mastiff	65–95 kg
St Bernard	50–90 kg
Newfoundland	50–70 kg
Great Dane	45–70 kg

Large

Bullmastiff	40–60 kg
Dobermann	30–45 kg
Rottweiler	32–50 kg
German Shepherd	29–40 kg
Labrador Retriever	23–36 kg
Boxer	25–35 kg

Medium

Cocker Spaniel	13–16 kg
Border Collie	15–25 kg

Small

Beagle	9–14 kg
West Highland White Terrier	6.8–8 kg
Cavalier King Charles	5.5–8 kg
Jack Russell Terrier	5–8 kg

Extra small

Yorkshire Terrier	1.5–5 kg
Chihuahua	0.5–2.5 kg



DID YOU KNOW?

To protect against parasites, your puppy's flea, tick and worm control should be adapted to their growth.

Ask your vet for their best protection recommendations.

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