

April News Bulletin

Springtime is the start of mosquito season in Idaho. If your dog, cat or ferret is not currently on heartworm prevention, April is a good time to have them tested and start prevention. It is also the best time to be tested since it has been 6-7 months since the last possible mosquito bite (see heartworm article).

If your pet is a current patient (examined within the last 12 months) then no exam is needed to start a preventative. If you have a dog then a heartworm test is needed. If you have a cat or ferret we would discuss whether to test. A brief appointment can be made with our technicians for a simple blood draw. If your pet has not been examined in the last 12 months then an exam by a veterinarian would be needed plus a heartworm test. Heartworm preventative medications are prescriptions and require a current exam record with the veterinarian.