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Worming Your Cat



We recommend that adult cats should be wormed at least every three months.

Complete roundworm and tapeworm tablets are the easiest, treating both types of worms in one single dose.

The veterinary surgery is able to supply the most effective wormers available. Pet shops are restricted to selling less strong tapeworm products that do not clear all the tapeworms.

It is very important to keep up with roundworm treatments every three months as it eliminates the risk of roundworm (*Toxocara*) eggs spreading from the cats faeces and becoming a danger to children.

You can worm more frequently if you see tapeworm segments, which look like rice grains around the base of the tail.

Cats that hunt a lot can pick up worms again quickly and some tapeworms can be spread by fleas. You can worm with Drontal every month if needed. An injectable tapewormer or vials that can be applied to the skin are available for cats that resist taking tablets, but these are more expensive.

Worm tablets kill the worms that are there at the time but give no protection for the future.

In addition to worm tablets, pastes, granules and liquids, roundworms can also be cleared by some regular flea treatments, e.g Advocate vials applied to the skin and Program Plus tablets.

The best value option is still the simple Drontal Cat tablets given by mouth. Cats usually reject them when given in food. The Nurses at the surgery will be happy to worm your cat for you at no extra charge apart from the tablets.



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