

The parasites your pet may be at risk for varies greatly depending on their lifestyle, exposure to other pets and whether or not they travel.

Parasite prevention is an important part of caring for your pet, in addition to being very uncomfortable for your pet, parasites can lead to serious health issues such as anemia, weight loss, organ damage or heart failure.

There are many products available to help prevent parasites from infecting your pet. There are different delivery methods (topical and chewable being the most common), and preventatives that last for different lengths of time.

This brochure has basic information about the parasites you may have heard about, but there are others as well, so please talk with a veterinarian to determine the best preventative care for your individual pet.

Have questions?

The staff at Chester Valley is here to help, just ask so we can help your pet enjoy all life's adventures parasite-free.

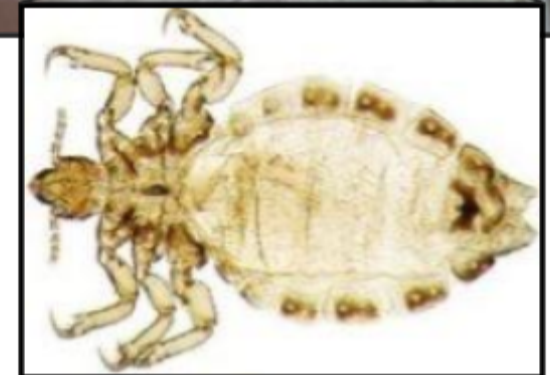
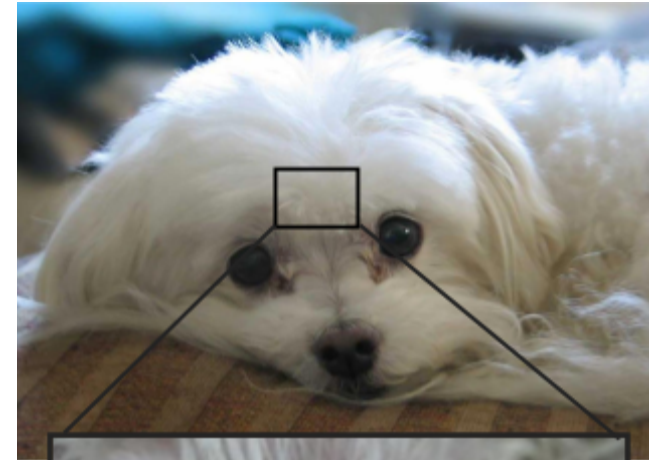


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## Let's talk bugs



Parasite prevention for your  
Alaskan pet



### Lice

Lice are most common on dogs who spend time at dog parks, doggie daycare and other places with many pets. They are not the same species as the head lice people can get, you will not get lice from your pet.



### Ticks

Alaska now has a few ticks, but so far, none of them have been identified as species that can carry Lyme disease. Check your pet for ticks, particularly if they have been out running through brush or tall grass.



### Fleas

Fleas do not live in South-central Alaska yet, but they have started to become established in Fairbanks.



### Heartworms

Heartworms are transmitted by mosquitos and can cause serious health problems. In Alaska, there have been no documented cases of a pet contracting heartworm, however, any pet going to an area that does have heartworms (including most of the lower 48) should be on prevention. In addition, any pet coming from a heartworm area should be tested to ensure they have not become infected.

If you suspect your pet has parasites or have any questions, the staff at Chester Valley is here to help. We would love to discuss which parasites your pet might be at risk for, and how to prevent them. Just ask!