

## **Worming your Dog or Cat**

Puppies, dogs, kittens and cats can all be infected by a number of types of intestinal parasites or worms. Some of which are a risk to human health, especially children or pregnant women. Whilst a mild infection may not be obvious, heavy infection can lead to weight loss, poor coat quality and general ill health. Puppies and kittens with heavy worm burdens can have vomiting and diarrhoea, a pot bellied appearance and in severe cases an intestinal blockage, which can be fatal.

Not all worming products are effective, at Holmefield we recommend that you worm your pets as indicated below :-

Puppies and kittens less than 6 months :

At eight and twelve weeks of age a three day course of panacur granules should be given, after that they should be wormed every four weeks with Milbemax or Drontal.

Dogs and Cats over 6months - Worm every three months with Milbemax or Drontal.

Milbemax and Drontal kill every type of worm normally found in UK cats and dogs. Regular routine worming is important to keep your pets in peak condition and prevent implications to human health.

## **Flea Treatment**

The vast majority of pets will get a flea infestation at some time during their life. In some animals flea bites can cause a allergic reaction which results in hair loss and sore/infected skin. In very young animals a flea infestation can result in the animal becoming anaemic, which in severe cases can cause death. Fleas do not just live on animals, they can infest carpets, bedding, upholstery etc, so if your pet becomes infested so will your home. Fleas cannot live on humans but they can bite, especially around the wrists and ankles.

At Holmefield we recommend that all pets are treated with Frontline spot on, which is a liquid applied to the back of the neck. This kills 98-100% of fleas within 24 hours, and regular use prevents fleas breeding in the home.

Cats should be treated every 5 weeks and dogs every 8 weeks with Frontline Spot on.

**If you would like to make an appointment or require further information please contact us at Brayton 01757 705562 or Sherburn-in-Elmet 01977 684952.**