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## *Herbal Heartworm Program*

*With "preventatives" being sold at record numbers nowadays, why is it that pets continue to get heartworms and other parasites? The answer? Weakened immune systems caused by poor diet, over vaccinating and overuse of drugs and chemicals make our pets perfect hosts for parasites.*

Many pet owners have been heartbroken when told their pet has heartworms since the chemical treatment is so toxic there is no guarantee that the pet will survive it and the cost is often beyond the financial capabilities of some pet owners.

For cats, heartworm disease is less common, occurring about 10% of the rate that it occurs in canines. For example, in southern Florida which has continual mosquitoes, the rate for dogs nears 100% in outside dogs, so an outside cat would have a 10% chance of getting heartworms. The chance of an indoor cat getting infected is pretty low, but has been indicated as a possibility. The nice thing about herbal prevention is that the herbs build health and in the process eliminate other kinds of parasites that may create other health problems and certainly challenge the immune system.

Herbs such as Mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*), Clove Flower Buds (*Eugenia*

*caryophyllata*), Garlic (*Allium sativum*), Spearmint Herb (*Mentha spicata*), Turmeric Root (*Curcuma longa*), Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*), and Wormwood (*Artemisia annua*) are examples of what can be used to formulate an effective preventative and part of a treatment program.

Robin Sockness-Snelgrove's dog was diagnosed with a severe case of heartworms. She had decided to do an herbal alternative to the chemical treatment since her veterinarian did not think her dog could survive it. She'd seen herbs work effectively for many things with the people and pet members of the household, so she wanted to try the natural route.

It worked! Her dog has tested clear for four (4) checkups and she was interviewed by **Whole Dog Journal** for an article in the August 2002 issue. We are now calling the program she used, "**The Bandit Program**," after the name of her dog. She has a website to let others know

about what she did and is willing to help others in any way she can to save their pets from the poisons of the typical heartworm prevention and treatment.

She used Nature's Sunshine Products and will recommend only those because she knows the quality, purity and potency, all required for success.

There is a safer choice that works against heartworms. We do recommend that you contact a veterinarian that will support your choices. We, TheHerbsPlace.com, cannot prescribe or diagnose for you or your pet. We can only share information.

### **Bandit's Heartworm Treatment Program**

These are the herbs and nutritional products used by Bandit. The amounts used for each animal is different based on breed, indoor/outdoor pet, and weight. Basic guidelines/dosages can be found at:

[www.banditsbuddies.com/faqs.shtml](http://www.banditsbuddies.com/faqs.shtml)

Upon waking and nightly before bed, Bandit took Artemisia Combination on an empty stomach.

With AM and PM meals, Bandit took Coq10 and HSII. In the evening Black Walnut was added occasionally.

Yucca was used as needed for coughing. It helped Bandit during his periods of coughing, since Yucca is considered an herbal cortisone.

You can contact Robin about the Bandit Program at her website. [www.banditsbuddies.com/](http://www.banditsbuddies.com/)

It is recommended that you read and understand why each product is a part of the heartworm program.

You should keep your animal on low activity until the heartworms are passed [which is through the lungs] and you get the clear re-test. No racing around. Pets will generally moderate themselves, but it's wise to be cautious and not encourage excitement on the down

days when they may be passing.

## **ALERT!! WARNING!!**

*This natural program worked for Bandit.*

*There is a reason for each product used.*

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### **Artemisia**

Artemisia Combination contains two species of artemisia: wormwood and mugwort. These herbs contribute to a friendly environment for intestinal flora. Add to them elecampane root, clove flower buds, garlic bulb root, ginger root, spearmint herb and turmeric root, and you have a more powerful product. Artemisia is used for it's antiparasitic qualities and supports the body in creating an unfavorable environment for parasites.

### **BlackWalnut**

Black Walnut is an astringent because it is rich in tannin, a toning substance. Black walnut's fame in folk medicine is due to its cleansing properties. Black Walnut is famous for it's cleansing properties and has been used to support the body's defenses against parasites.

### **Coq10**

CoQ10 is known to regulate the use of oxygen in the body. Numerous studies suggest that Co-Q10 may be beneficial in supporting the cardiovascular system. Some studies have reported Co-Q10's ability to support cardiovascular functions. When free radicals are present, CoQ10 destroys them and makes more oxygen available to the system for healing. Co-Q10 works as an antioxidant, protecting lipids and other cell components from oxidation. It is a particularly promising cardioprotective agent. When cells age, mitochondrial Co-Q10 levels decrease. But dietary supplementation has been shown to help maintain energy production and aid in cardiovascular function. Supplementation with this coenzyme has been shown to maintain mitochondrial and cardiac functions, and support recovery after stress and surgery. As an antioxidant, Co-Q10 scavenges free radicals, protects cardiac cells, prevents lipid oxidation and promotes the regeneration of vitamin E, another antioxidant.

### **HSII**

HS II is a combination designed for support to the circulatory system, containing: hawthorn berries, capsicum and garlic. Hawthorn berries is used to strengthen and tone the heart, feed the adrenals, cleanse arteries, and has been known to balance blood pressure. Capsicum has long been used as a way to boost circulation and cleanse the body. Recent studies have shown garlic to be of benefit to the digestive, circulatory and immune systems.

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**Yucca**

Yucca contains large amounts of the steroid saponin. This makes it a popular remedy for inflammation. Yucca is high in vitamins A, B, and C, and contains potassium, calcium, phosphorus, iron, manganese and copper which make it very soothing to the intestinal tract.

**NOTE:** Due to the low percentage of cats that do acquire Heartworm Disease, this method has not yet been proven successful in felines...

**A Word from Bandit:** I want you to know that, I am heartworm free! The Veterinarian couldn't believe it when he did my yearly test ...no dots! I am free of those pesky critters that had me coughing and wheezing and feeling really lousy! My heart is ticking very well, the "doc" told me!

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