# **HEARTWORMS - What you should know.**



## What are they?

- Heartworms live in the heart and blood vessels of the lungs, growing up to 12 inches long.
- Heartworm disease can lead to severe problems with the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys and may result in death.
- Unfortunately, there can be a lack of physical evidence until it's too late.
- Heartworm treatment is painful for your dog, requires weeks of inactivity, and is expensive – costing up to \$1,000.<sup>1</sup>



## How are they spread?

- Mosquitoes transmit heartworm disease from an infected dog to a dog not on a heartworm preventive.
- Just one bite from an infected mosquito can lead to heartworms in your pet.
- One million dogs are estimated to be heartworm positive in the United States each year,<sup>2</sup> and dogs in all 50 states have been diagnosed.<sup>3</sup>



(ivermectin/pyrantel)

### How can they be prevented?

- Prevention of heartworm disease is less expensive, safer and easier than treatment.
- Given each month, year-round, heartworm preventives can prevent heartworm disease.
- HEARTGARD® Plus (ivermectin/pyrantel) is the Real-Beef Chewable that dogs love,<sup>4</sup> so it's easy to give. Help protect your pet today.

#### Important Safety Information:

HEARTGARD is well tolerated. All dogs should be tested for heartworm infection before starting a preventive program. Following the use of HEARTGARD, digestive and neurological side effects have rarely been reported. For more information, please visit **www.HEARTGARD.com**.