

## Prevention Better Than Cure

There are several things which owners should do on a regular basis to prevent the onset of a number of illnesses and diseases. Although vaccinations are not something owners perform themselves, these are generally regarded as the first line of defense in preventing many other more serious conditions.

The cost of vaccinations varies considerably from country to country, often due to drug licensing, but the consequences and subsequent treatment of the diseases they prevent often out-weigh the cost of annual vaccination.

Whilst vaccination helps to prevent some particularly nasty diseases there are others waiting in the wings caused by internal and external parasites which require additional precautionary measures. Worming All dogs should ideally be wormed at least 3 &ndash; 4 times per year using the correct dosage for the weight of each dog. Although worming treatments are available in pet supply stores and even some supermarkets, not all of these products may deal effectively with all parasitic infections.

Whilst veterinary licensed drugs are often a little more expensive, they can in the long term work out the most cost effective form of prevention.

Regular worming kills most, if not all internal parasites before the diseases they can cause become more serious. Some common signs of internal parasitic infestations can include &ldquo;bottom scraping&rdquo; on the ground, diarrhea or vomiting. Some pet owners regard worming as &ldquo;non-essential&rdquo; and only worm their animals when

they see the signs. Not all parasitic infections show these signs however and Vets are increasingly seeing animals that have not been given any form of preventative medication and are having to treat far more serious conditions.

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