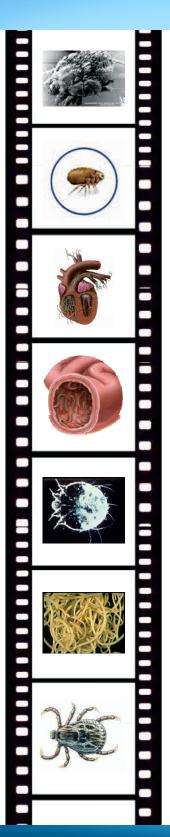


## **Livingston Animal Hospital**

We treat your pets as family



## **PARASITES**

## COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD THIS SUMMER

<u>Ear Mites</u> – boarding facilities, pet shows, training classes, multi-pet homes, and other social environments for your pets increase the threat of ear mites. This is a highly contagious parasite that can lead to secondary infections in the ear canal and inner ear.

<u>Fleas</u> – are easily passed from one animal to another in a multi-pet home or anywhere cats or dogs are in close proximity (boarding facilities, groomers, pet day care). Transmission and development can continue indoors during the cold season – making fleas a year-round threat for both the pet and the owners.

<u>Heartworms</u> - are transmitted by mosquitoes. It is a potentially fatal threat to dogs and cats. Pets in the Niagara region or travel to warmer climates in the winter are at a higher risk.

<u>Hookworms</u> – can be ingested by dogs and cats. Some species of hookworms *can be transmitted to humans.* 

<u>Mange Mites</u> – are transmitted through direct contact with wild animals (raccoons, skunks, coyotes).

<u>Roundworms</u> – can be ingested by cats and dogs in dirt or mud. Dog parks and other places will increase the threat of parasites. Roundworm larvae can infect family members.

<u>Ticks</u> – are often inhabit fields with long grass and forests. Outings in these areas can increase the threat of ticks.

Call today to book your appointment for parasite testing and prevention 905.309.9600