



Atascazoo Animal Hospital  
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Heartworm Treatment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client First and Last Name _____	Pets Name _____
Address _____	Phone# _____

### Heartworm Treatment

Here at Atascazoo Animal Hospital, we make every effort to make treating heartworms as safe as possible. Each patient will be required to have blood work done prior to the first treatment to assess liver and kidney function and to check the blood for anemia and/or excessive inflammation related to heartworm disease. In addition to blood work, a physical exam will be performed to assess cardiovascular and respiratory function. If there are marked abnormalities on physical exam or in the blood work, radiographs may be performed to check for lung or heart changes. If everything is normal, Immiticide, the canine heartworm treatment, will be given as an injection in the muscles over the lower back. A single injection will be given on this initial visit. Usually, a second treatment will follow in 4-6 weeks after the initial treatment. This second treatment will be given as two injections 24 hours apart.

During treatment, confinement is critically important. This should consist of crating your dog for 12 weeks and no other exercise other than leash walking to go to the bathroom.

A follow up exam, included in the cost, will be required two weeks after each time the immiticide injections are given. If the dog is experiencing any complications before or after the two week recheck they should come into Atascazoo to be examined as soon as possible.

Complications are potentially dangerous and can consist of eosinophilic pneumonitis, which is similar to pneumonia. This can typically be treated with steroids and antibiotics. Major complications are uncommon but are more likely in heavier infections and/or if confinement recommendations are not adhered to. They include right heart failure and sudden death due to embolization of dead and dying heartworms.

Costs of treatment depend on risk assessment and weight of your dog. Costs are as follows:

\*Includes HWTX Blood work, 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the Treatment (Induction), 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the treatment, & 2-4 Follow-up Exams

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Cost</u>
0-44#	\$793
45-88#	\$904
88-132#	\$1,014

\*Steroids and antibiotics will cost an additional \$100-250. If major complications occur, additional charges may apply.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If needed, hospitalization with associated charges is NOT included in the above estimate charges. Hospitalization is only rarely needed.