



Barbour Lane Animal Hospital

Internal Parasites Information

ROUNDWORMS

This parasite lives in the intestine of infected animals. Symptoms are none to vomiting and diarrhea. Transmission occurs by infected feces in the grass or soil. Transmission to humans is rare.

HOOKWORMS

This parasite sucks the blood in the intestines and can cause severe anemia. Symptoms are none to blood in the stool with diarrhea. Transmission occurs by infected feces in grass or soil. Transmission to humans is uncommon.

WHIPWORMS

This parasite sucks the blood in the intestines and can cause chronic diarrhea, sometimes with blood. Symptoms are none to anemia, weight loss, and lethargy. Transmission occurs by infected feces in the grass or soil. There is no risk of human transmission.

GIARDIA

A tiny single-cell parasite. Symptoms include diarrhea, weight loss, depression, loss of appetite. Humans CAN be infected with Giardia (fecal – oral transmission).

COCCIDIA

A single-cell parasite. Transmission occurs by eating the infective stage of the parasite. Symptoms range from none to bloody diarrhea in severely infected pets. Human transmission is uncommon.