



# **PAWS** *of the* **ROCKIES** ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## **Heartworm Consent Form**

**Heartworm disease is a fatal disease involving the heart and lungs of dogs. Mosquitoes transmit this disease. Heartworm disease can be prevented, however, with monthly medication. The doctors at Paws of the Rockies Animal Hospital recommend year round heartworm prevention for the following reasons:**

- To protect your dog against deadly heartworm disease.
- To control most intestinal parasites in your dog.
- To prevent pet-to-pet and pet-to-family transmission of intestinal parasites. This is especially important if young children, immune compromised, or elderly persons live in the home.
- If your travel with your pet within or outside of Colorado.
- If your pet frequents dog parks, goes camping, or hiking.

**You will be asked to please choose from one of the following Prevention Options:**

- Heartworm testing and year round heartworm prevention.
- Heartworm testing and “seasonal” heartworm prevention that will be used Spring through Fall. We will explain and ask you to understand the risks associated with this choice.
- Heartworm testing with no prevention, and I understand the risks associated with this choice.
- Decline heartworm testing, prevention and understand the risks associated with this choice.