



## New Guidelines American Heartworm Society

The American Heartworm Society (AHS) has revised its guidelines for dogs in response to changes in heartworm medication resistance. There is documented presence of a “resistant subpopulations of heartworms”. AHS recommends antigen testing as the most sensitive diagnostic method when screening. The organization recommends the microfilaria testing be done at the same time as antigen testing to determine the stage of heartworms if they are present. In addition, new guidelines recommend that administration of a macrocyclic lactone preventive coupled with a doxycyclone to suppress the growth of heartworms in the body, weaken adult heartworms and decrease post-treatment complications. Obviously, everyone should talk to their veterinarians. Additional information can be found at the website: [www.heartwormsociety.org](http://www.heartwormsociety.org)

## Pictures

The newsletter is just getting started so if you have articles or pictures you would like to share, please send them to me.

I have used some that were on the web site but would love articles with current wins or pictures of litters if there are new puppies on the ground.

Members: I know that many in the club have known each other for years. However, other members may not know the extent of your involvement with the sport of dogs. Please write something up so that I can highlight you in one of the upcoming newsletters and send a picture.

Pictures are always fun when we look back after a few years and realize how much we’ve changed and remember that special dog that won on that particular day.

Please help me out here with making this your newsletter by participating in it with each edition.

My background is extensive after so many years in many different events. Don’t feel that anything you send needs to fill a whole page. Little bits and brags are always important and can add to the newsletter to make it extra special for that month. Thanks for making this a fun adventure!

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