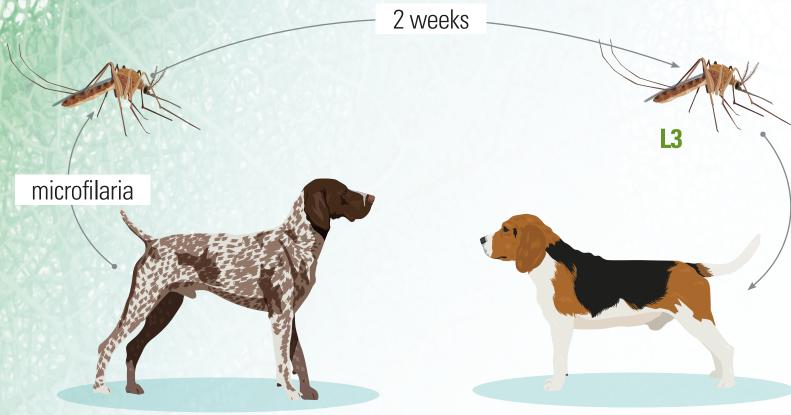
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A simple mosquito bite can spread this fatal infection



How infection spreads

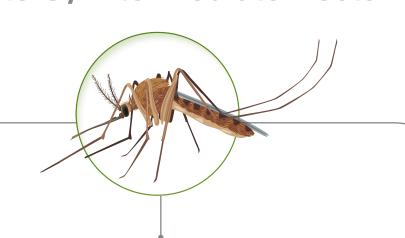
Heartworm is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito.



6-7 months from mosquito bite to adult worms in the heart

Heartworm transmission depends on a variety of factors

Vectors / Intermediate Hosts



Time of the day

Different mosquito species feed at different times of day

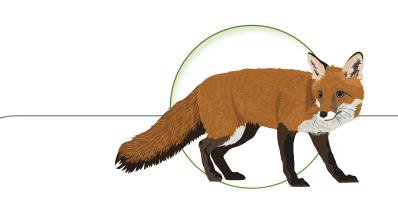
Habitat

Small pools of water encourage mosquito breeding

Climate

Warming climates

Reservoirs / Definitive Hosts



Constant risk of infection for dogs

Depending on the geographic location, they can perpetuate heartworm transmission

Progression of the disease



