

{NAME} ({{PATIENTID}}) {FULLNAME} ({{ID}}) {PHONENUMBER}  
 {SPECIES} {BREED} {AGE} {SEX}

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**Parasitic Disease Screen Consent Form**

An important part of your pet’s comprehensive preventative care program

We recommend your dog to have a parasitic disease screen (4DX test) **once a year.**

Why should you have your dog tested?

- In Allegheny County 1 in 8 dogs test positive for Lyme disease. In Washington County, 1 in 8 also test positive.
- Ticks, mosquitoes, and the infectious agents they carry can be found throughout the United States and Canada.
- Symptoms of parasitic disease can range from very mild to severe
- Heartworm and flea and tick preventatives can help keep your best friend free from parasitic diseases.
  - If your dog has missed more than 6 doses of heartworm medication, we highly recommend you to test before starting them back on it.

A 4DX or Parasitic Disease Screen tests for:

	<b>HEARTWORM DISEASE</b>	<b>LYME DISEASE</b>	<b>ANAPLASMOSIS</b>	<b>EHRlichiosis</b>
<b>PARASITE(S)</b>	Mosquito	Deer tick, black legged tick	Deer tick, black-legged tick, brown dog tick	Brown dog tick, lone star tick, American dog tick
<b>WHAT ARE THE HEALTH RISKS?</b>	Coughing, exercise intolerance, loss of appetite, death	Lameness, arthritis, reduced activity, loss of appetite, severe kidney injury	Fever, joint swelling, joint pain, lameness	Bleeding disorders, fever, lameness, lethargy, joint pain

- YES**, please perform the recommended test to screen my dog for all of these disease
- I understand the risks of parasitic diseases, but I would rather not screen for them at this time.
  - I understand that it is possible for my pet to get heartworms even if on monthly preventative.
  - I understand that giving heartworm preventative to a dog that is positive for heartworms may cause serious illness up to and including death.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_