

Fecals



What is a fecal test?

- A stool test is a test in which fecal matter is collected for analysis to diagnose the presence or absence of internal parasites or worms.

How do animals get internal parasites?

- Pets can get internal parasites many ways: They can get internal parasites from wild and stray animals defecating in yards, drinking out of puddles, eating off the ground, playing fetch, from fleas, and many other ways.

Why can't you just give animals prevention and not have to have a fecal test done?

- There are many different kinds of internal parasites and not every internal parasite prevention is labeled for every parasite. A fecal test is performed to make sure an animal gets the right kind of prevention.

What kinds of internal parasites are there?

- Roundworms
- Whipworms
- Tapeworms
- Hookworms
- Coccidia
- Giardia

What are the symptoms that an animal may have intestinal parasites?

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Weight loss
- Pot-belly appearance
- Dull hair coat
- Many animals will show no signs of infection at first!



Did you know?

If your pet has parasites, you or your family can be infected with those parasites just by petting your animal.