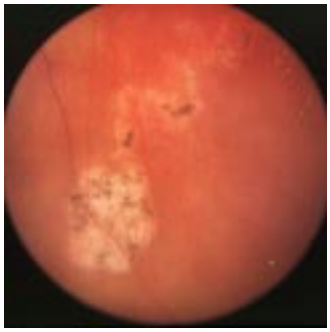
Look who is visiting the Mercer Island Dog Park!

This photo is from a fecal test performed on a stool specimen from Mercer Island's off-leash dog park. These feces were chosen at random from those not picked up properly.

This stool specimen contains 2 contagious parasites, Hookworm and Whipworm.

Hookworm and Whipworm are harmful to pets and can cause diarrhea, vomiting, weight loss, malnutrition and anemia.

Hookworms and roundworms can also be harmful to people, causing skin and tissue infections like those seen here.



Roundworm infection from a pet in a human eye.

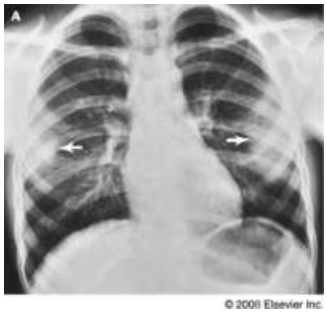
These infections are PREVENTABLE.

Keep your pets safe:

1) Bring in a stool specimen every 6 to 12 months for testing.

2) **Use a parasite prevention product like Interceptor.** One pill once a month will prevent heartworm, hookworm, whipworm and roundworm.

Hookworm infection from walking near contaminated soil.



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Pneumonia from contact with a pet infected with strongyloides.

This photo is also from Mercer Island's off-leash dog park.

The parasite seen here is called strongyloides stercoralis. This parasite is transmissible to humans also, causing intestinal and skin infections as well as pneumonia.

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