



HOW CAN I STOP TAPEWORM IN ITS TRACKS?

While out enjoying nature, it's important to always clear up after your dog, ensuring all stools are picked up and disposed of responsibly. While this will help reduce the risk, some material may be left behind and also remember that tapeworm segments can wriggle out of the bottom on their own!

If you are not regularly treating your dog for tapeworms, they could be leaving a trail... millions of unseen eggs contaminating the environment!



DID YOU KNOW?

Only 54% of dog owners are currently treating for tapeworm...¹⁵

Droncit® is recommended by vets across the UK & ROI to treat for tapeworm. Trust Droncit® to protect your dog, and your local community, from the dangers of tapeworm.

Speak to your vet about including Droncit® as part of your dog's regular parasite protection.



TIPS FOR RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP:

Treat dogs against tapeworms. It is often advised to treat dogs against tapeworms at least every 3 months and if your dog is a known scavenger, with regular access to areas with livestock, every 6 weeks or more may be recommended. Ask your vet for advice.

Avoid scavenging and the feeding of unprocessed raw meat.

Pick up their poo! This is an important part of being a responsible owner and will help to minimise exposure of other animals and livestock to tapeworms.



DID YOU KNOW?

Each year dog owners will use on average 936 poo bags!⁴



Handy Hint

Read more about the 2022 updated Countryside Code for further information to help you enjoy the best of the UK countryside responsibly.⁷

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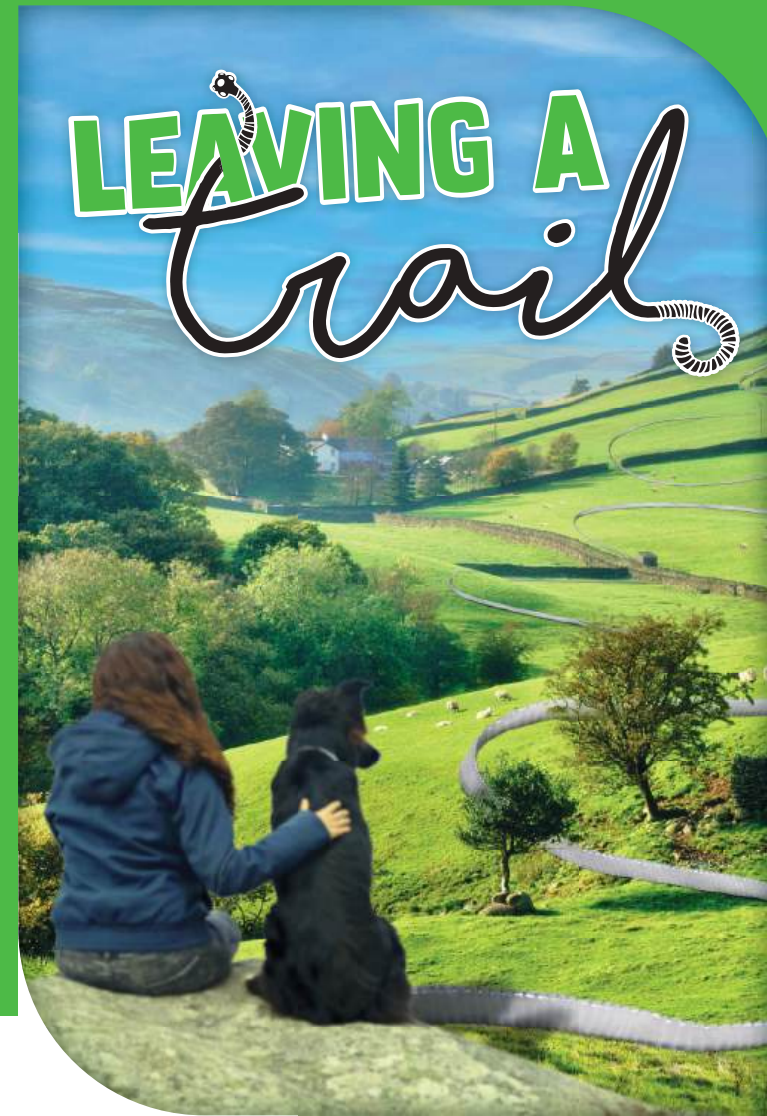
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Dogs not treated for tapeworm could be leaving a trail wherever they go...



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TAPEWORM THE FACTS!



Tapeworms are a **one of the core types of worm** found in dogs in the UK and ROI, and are important to remember when planning parasite protection for your pet.

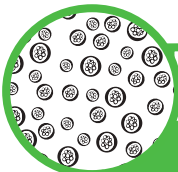
Appearing just as they sound, tapeworms look like **long ribbons**, or **pieces of tape**. Adult worms remain unseen in the small intestine, **drilling their specialised mouthparts** into the gut lining and stealing nutrients. They are divided into lots of small segments (called proglottids) which **can crawl out of the bottom** or are passed out in the dog's stools.

DID YOU KNOW?



Tapeworms shed segments in stools, and they can also actively crawl out of the bottom...This is often described as looking like wriggling grains of rice!

These segments release **many thousands of eggs** into the environment where they are eaten by flea larvae or other animals such as rodents, rabbits or livestock, inside which they develop into tapeworm larvae which present a threat to dogs again.



DID YOU KNOW?

A single tapeworm can release 250,000 eggs per day - so your dog could be adding millions of eggs into the environment!

CAN TAPEWORM AFFECT MY DOG?

Dogs can pick up tapeworms from several sources:

- Fleas can carry tapeworm larvae and dogs become infected after swallowing them while grooming
- By eating infected prey (eg. rabbits)
- By scavenging the carcass of fallen livestock (eg. coming across a dead lamb)
- Dogs may also become infected by eating unprocessed raw meat

DID YOU KNOW?

Tapeworms can grow up to 16ft long!²



Tapeworms often cause no outward signs of ill-health in dogs, though they can survive for many months or years, continuing to grow and **reaching up to 16ft in length!** Each worm can shed up to 250,000 eggs per day, meaning each week this is left untreated your dog can potentially **contaminate the environment with over a million eggs!**

WHO ELSE IS AFFECTED BY TAPEWORM?

When eggs are accidentally swallowed by grazing sheep or cattle, they hatch inside and develop into larval tapeworms in their muscles and organs. **This can cause harm** to the health of these farm animals and also cause financial losses to farmers.

Some species of tapeworms in dogs **can also infect humans**; another good reason to ensure tapeworms aren't forgotten when it comes to parasite control!

A good worming routine is all part of being a responsible dog owner - and it's vital to protect your dog, and your local community, from the dangers of these nasty parasites.



DID YOU KNOW?

Tapeworms are zoonotic - which means they can also infect humans!



LEAVING A TRAIL...

With the countryside providing the luxury of escape during Covid lockdowns, it's no surprise more dog owners than ever are visiting their local green spaces. Likewise, a huge increase in pet ownership during the pandemic has brought the dog owning population to a huge 10.2 million³ - dogs who not only need daily walks but visit countryside locations with their owners ever more frequently.

In fact, studies have shown **the average owner covers a whopping 870 miles in a 12-month period** on walks with their dog - around the distance between John O'Groats in Scotland and Land's End in Cornwall!⁴. And 60% of dog owners confirmed their walks include fields containing livestock or evidence of livestock.⁵

DID YOU KNOW?

Tapeworm spread onto pasture infected over 900,000 lambs in 2021 alone, costing local farmers over £11 million!⁶

