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Heartworm, Lyme, E. Canis, Anaplasmosis TESTING FORM

What is Heartworm?

Heartworm disease is transmitted by the mosquito. The mosquito bites an infected animal and transfers the immature heartworm (microfilariae) into an uninfected animal to cause the disease. Any dog that goes outside during mosquito season (March/April through November/December) is at risk. The adult worms live in the heart and lungs, where they can cause permanent damage, and even death! Testing can eliminate shock-like reactions when preventatives are administered. If negative, prevention should begin within 30 days. If your dog has been on preventative year round, with no missed months, testing can be done every 2 years. Puppies less than 6 months of age do not require testing prior to giving prevention.

What is Lyme Disease?

The deer tick that carries this disease can be found anywhere. Lyme is caused by a bacteria and can cause lameness, fever, joint swelling, kidney failure or heart problems if left untreated. No vaccination can be 100% effective, so even dogs that are vaccinated should have this simple blood test.

What is *Ehrlichiosis Canis* and Anaplasmosis?

Ehrlichiosis is the 2nd most common infectious disease in the US. It comes from several common dog ticks and can be potentially life threatening. Anaplasmosis is passed through the deer tick. Symptoms of both diseases include loss of appetite, runny nose or eyes, depression and can lead to blindness, autoimmune diseases, bleeding complications, or death. There is no vaccine to prevent these diseases, but this test can determine if your dog has it so treatment can be initiated.

Testing Decision:

This testing is optional but highly recommended for the above reasons.

Please test my pet for Heartworm disease, a test that will also detect Lyme disease, and the tick-borne illnesses *Ehrlichia canis* and *Anaplasmosis phagocytophilum*.

Name: _____ Date: _____

I do not wish to have my pet tested before beginning heartworm preventative and will not hold the doctors and staff of the Eden & Fond du Lac Veterinary Clinic, LTD liable for any adverse affects suffered by my dog in response to administering preventative without obtaining a negative test result.

Name: _____ Date: _____