



# Pet Care NOTES



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## **RECOGNIZING HEART DISEASE IN YOUR DOG**

You know your heart fills with love when you're giving your dog affection, and the feelings seem to be mutual. Could your canine family member have the same heart disease that some people have? Yes. As dogs are living longer, they are suffering from many of the same heart conditions as humans. Valve disease, inflammation of the heart muscles, and blockages are just some of the heart conditions your furry family member can have. Most can be treated, so know the symptoms. A dog who appears restless or fatigued, has a blue tint to his tongue, or has little appetite may have heart disease. Swelling, coughing, or fainting are also signs that your dog may have a heart problem.

And speaking from the heart and about the heart, now is a good time to ask your veterinarian about protection from heartworm. While parasites can be bothersome at the least, the destructive heartworm is fatal if left unchecked. Our compassionate health care team provides total health care for small pets of all kinds, including vaccinations and other preventive care, nutrition counseling, medical treatment, laser surgery, dentistry, and microchipping. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit our website. And be sure to ask us about coming in for a tour of our very modern facility.

***FUN FACT: Like humans, some canine heart disease can be prevented with proper diet and exercise.***

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