

THERE IS NO BEST HEARTWORM PREVENTION, SO ...

Which is the best one for You and your Dog ???

All of our heartworm preventions are basically equally effective at preventing heartworm disease, so what is the most important feature of Heartworm Prevention for you ?

- 1) **Chewable Tablet** - "I don't like the liquids applied to the skin. They can seem to be messy and I am worried about the kids / grandkids touching the area(s) where we apply the liquid"
 - *Sentinel*
 - *Sentinel Spectrum*
 - *Trifexis*
 - *TriHeart Plus*
- 2) **Liquid Applied to the Skin** - "My dog won't take the chewable medications, no matter what I mix it with or how much I break up the tablet. A liquid applied to the skin would be much easier."
 - *Advantage Multi*
 - *Revolution*
- 3) **Cost** - It's a fact of life for many pet owners that price matters. We love our dogs dearly, but many of us have to watch very carefully where our money goes.
 - *TriHeart Plus* = Most economical
 - *Sentinel*
 - *Sentinel Spectrum*
- 4) **Flea Control** - "I want just one product that prevents heartworms AND kills fleas"
 - *Trifexis* = BEST ! (But about 1 in 10 dogs do not tolerate it very well and may get sick on their stomach. Of course that means that 9 out of 10 dogs have no problems with it whatsoever.)
 - *Advantage Multi*
 - *Revolution*
- 5) **Intestinal Worms** - "Our dogs constantly have intestinal worms since 1) we constantly battle fleas (source of tapeworms) ... 2) they catch and eat small mammals like mice and moles and rabbits (another source of tapeworms) ... 3) they love to 'graze' in the backyard and eat lots of grass (source of whipworms, hookworms and roundworms)"
 - *Sentinel Spectrum* = BEST ! Treats and Prevents all 4 intestinal worms we see, including Tapeworms (the most common worm we see in adult dogs)
 - *Sentinel* - Treats and Prevents Whips, Hooks and Roundworms ... but not Tapeworms
 - *Trifexis* - Treats and Prevents Whips, Hooks and Roundworms ... but not Tapeworms
 - *Advantage Multi* - Treats and Prevents Whips, Hooks and Rounds ... but not Tapeworms
 - *TriHeart Plus* - Treats and Prevents Hooks and Rounds ... but not Tapeworms or Whipworm
 - *Revolution* - None
- 6) **Prevent Heartworms + Kill Fleas + Kill Ticks**
 - *Revolution* is the closest thing available. For ticks, however, Revolution is labeled to only kill American Dog Ticks. However, in this area of NC, we also see Brown Dog Ticks, Lone Star Ticks and Black-Legged Ticks, so we cannot be assured of complete tick protection with Revolution
 - But we can combine a couple of products to achieve this desired result. Here are possibilities:
 - * *Activyl Tick Plus* (1 month Flea + Tick liquid on skin) + *TriHeart* / *Sentinel* / *Spectrum* / *Advantage*
 - * *Bravecto* (3 month Flea + Tick chewable tablet) + *TriHeart* / *Sentinel* / *Spectrum* / *Advantage*
 - * *Scalibor Tick Collar* (Max effectiveness takes 2 to 3 weeks) + *Trifexis* / *TriHeart* / *Sentinel* / *Spectrum* / *Advantage Multi*
- 7) **Food Allergy** - "My dog has a known food allergy to Beef" (this assumes that you are not just 'guessing' that your dog is allergic to beef)
 - Do Not Use *Sentinel Spectrum* - It uses Beef to flavor the tablet. The other chewable preventions use pork and soy with a non-beef "beef flavoring".