

# Spring has sprung

AND THE BUGS ARE HERE



## Pesky Little Critters

Year-round heartworm prevention, along with flea and tick control is extremely important here in upstate New York. We are seeing more positive tests than we have before. Talk to your vet today about recommended prevention for your pet!

### Myth vs. Fact

**Myth:** Indoor only pets are not at risk for heartworm disease.

**Fact:** Heartworm disease is transferred by mosquitos that have bitten an infected animal and has retained the heartworm larvae, passing it on to the next animal they bite. Stopping mosquitos from coming in open windows or doors is impossible, so indoor pets are still at risk

**Myth:** Heartworm, Flea and Tick prevention is not required year round

**Fact:** Most of these bugs are dormant during the winter months, although some remain active despite the colder temps. Making year round protection essential.