



Helping Those with Heartworm: a Matter of Life and Death.

Heartworm disease in dogs is agonizing and expensive to treat, and it's even more serious in cats. It affects 300,000 dogs in the United States each year, and unfortunately *Harbor Humane Society is not immune.*

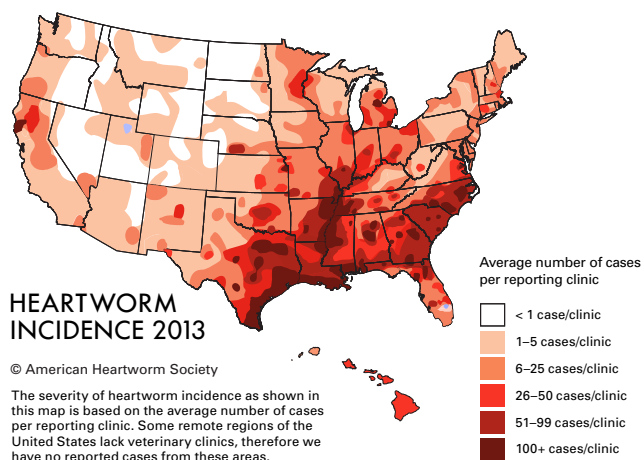
Harbor has had dozens of dogs come in with heartworm disease recently, and **we need your help to support our animals.** The disease is treatable, and the pups can all live healthy, happy lives if they get treated in time. Otherwise, the disease can be fatal.

It's all the fault of one pesky, infected mosquito who bites a dog and infects him or her with heartworms. And heartworms are just that -- foot-long worms that live in the heart, lungs and blood vessels, causing severe lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs. Up to 250 heartworms can live in a dog at one time!

At first, dogs show few symptoms or no symptoms at all. But as the disease progresses, dogs become fatigued, develop a cough, lose their appetite and drop weight. Eventually they may develop heart failure.

The good news is that heartworm disease is easily prevented with a monthly medication – and one version comes in a yummy chewable treat! Unfortunately many owners don't realize this or, sadly, some don't feel they can afford it. But Harbor Humane Society strongly urges everyone to make this important investment in your pet. **It's truly a matter of life or death.**

Some owners discover that their pet has heartworms and surrender the animal to Harbor because they don't want to invest the time involved or can't afford the treatment, which is now much more expensive than the prevention. It's so sad. Other dogs come in stray and infected with heartworms because they had no one to give them the preventive medication they needed. That's what happened to these furry friends. But they're getting the help they need from Harbor and *people like you.*

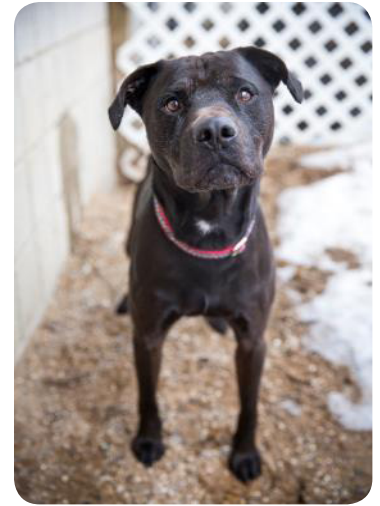




Gremlin



Guadalupe



Theodore

Gremlin is a 2-year old Australian Shepherd/English Springer Spaniel. She is actually already adopted, but is finishing her heartworm treatments with us.

Guadalupe, a 2-year-old Rhodesian Ridgeback mix. This heartworm survivor is also missing a back leg, and is at HHS waiting for her perfect home!

Theodore is a 7-year-old Lab mix. He is being fostered while he gets his treatments.

These three dogs haven't given up. **We haven't given up.** So please don't give up on them or the many other wonderful pets we have here in our shelter waiting for adoption. True, some of them have heartworm, but we can help them through the journey as long as we have generous supporters like you.

All donations are tax-deductible. No amount is too small. Please be as generous as you can and send donations in the enclosed envelope to HHS, 14345 Bagley, West Olive, MI 49460 or easily online at www.harborhumane.org/donate.

Deepest Gratitude,

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**5th Annual
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2015 GOLF OUTING!**

Friday, July 10th

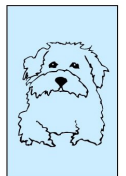
Winding Creek Golf Club

4515 E. Ottogan St., Holland, MI 49423

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Tails on Trails & Ales

Harbor Humane Society

Friday August 21, 2015

6:00pm-10:00pm

Yacht Basin Plaza

1866 Ottawa Beach Road, Holland

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