

## Homoeopathy and Worming

This is a common problem and there are two main worms that infest domestic animals, the roundworm and the tapeworm. Infestations can cause harm to the lining of the gut mechanically and chemically, their secretions produce a toxin nerve poison and they take food from the host.

In large numbers worms may cause vomiting and/or diarrhoea resulting in emaciation and accompanied by dullness, failure to thrive, a distended abdomen, anaemia and sometimes behavioural problems.



Homoeopathic treatment does not kill the parasites but rather alters the chemistry in the gut, making it less suitable for the parasites to persist and multiply.

The author of Homoeopathic medicine for dogs, Wolff, recommends the use of **Calc carb** regularly as it has the capacity to change the environment forcing the parasites to migrate and making the gut unattractive to infestation. A weekly dose of 30c for a month or two repeated approximately every 6 months. In some cases occasional doses of **Nat mur** 30c between **Calc carb** doses is also very effective.

Increase foods high in Vitamin A content such as cod liver oil, grated carrots, egg yolk, milk and fish.

The following is a list of remedies recommended to stimulate the body to expel and resist parasites. It is usually recommended to administer the remedy in low potency three times daily for about three weeks.

**Abrotanum:** roundworm infestation with wasting and weakness of muscles of lower limbs, weakness of neck and back muscles, especially in older animals, pain over sacral area, distension of abdomen, umbilical discharge in young animals. **Cina:** roundworm infestation with bloated abdomen, diarrhoea, anal irritation, milky urine, sometimes dilated pupils and itching of nose and ears and spasmodic coughing, animal may have twitching and jerking of limbs and may grind teeth. **Teucrium:** roundworm infestation with diarrhoea, nasal discharges or obstruction, frequent sneezing, dry cough, red or inflamed eyes, increased appetite, excessive urination. **Chenopodium:** hookworm infestation but may have action against all worms; sensitivity to sounds, shoulder pain near spine, especially right side, yellow foaming urine. **Filix mas:** tapeworm infestation with constipation but sometimes diarrhoea, inflamed lymph glands, vision sometimes affected, bloated abdomen, nose may itch.