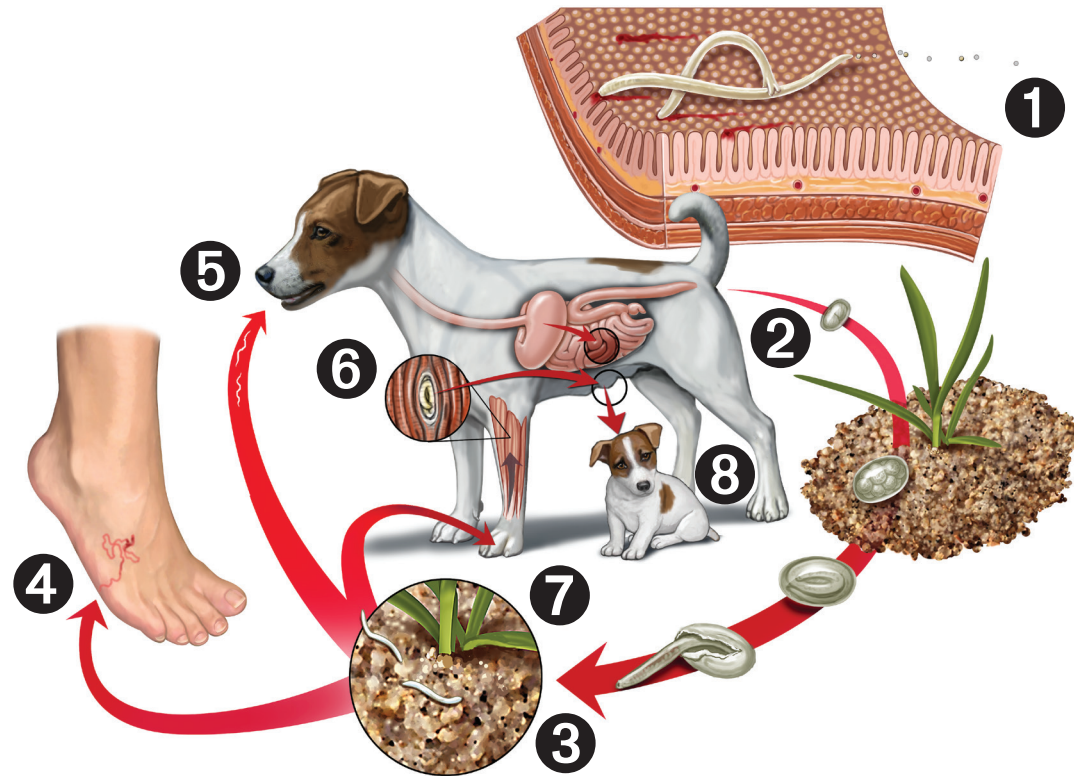


Understanding the Hookworm (*Ancylostoma caninum*) life cycle



- 1 Inside the dog's small intestine, adult female hookworms release eggs.
- 2 Eggs are released in feces approximately 10-21 days after infection
- 3 Feces contaminates soil in your yard where immature worms develop from the eggs in about a week
- 4 By walking or playing where dogs frequent, immature worms can infect humans through exposure to unprotected skin.
- 5 Contaminated soil on toys or dog's paws may put the dog at risk of infection if ingested
- 6 Immature worms can remain dormant in your dog's skeletal muscle
- 7 Skin may be penetrated by immature worms in contaminated soil
- 8 A puppy may become infected through milk when larvae migrate to their mother's mammary glands

Year-round hookworm protection is important

These blood sucking parasites can pose a risk to humans and to pets. Regular monthly deworming can help prevent contamination of the environment with hookworm eggs and larvae.