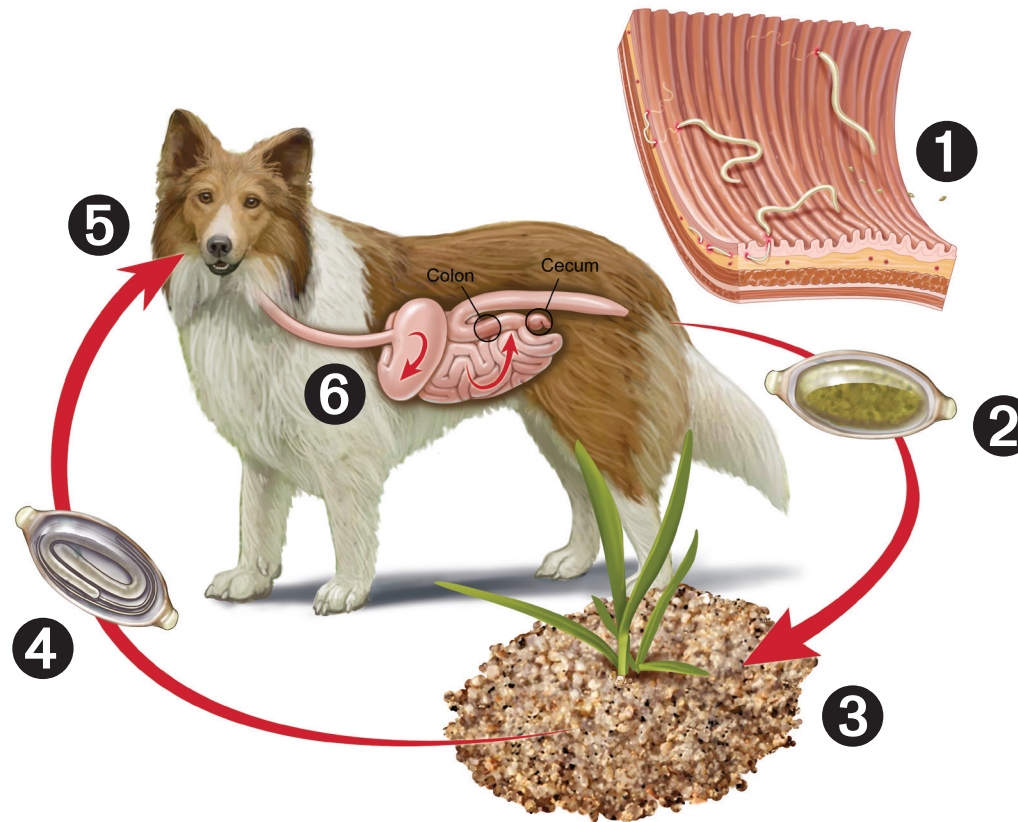


# Understanding the Whipworm (*Trichuris vulpis*) life cycle



- 1 Inside the dog's large intestine, adult whipworms live and release eggs.
- 2 Eggs are released in feces 74-90 days after infection.
- 3 Eggs contaminate the soil in your yard, where they may persist for years.
- 4 Invisible to the naked eye, larvae develop in the eggs and become infective in 9-21 days.
- 5 Contaminated soil on toys or dog's paws may put the dog at risk of infection if embryonated eggs are ingested.
- 6 After ingestion, larvae hatch from eggs and are released into the gastrointestinal (GI) tract, penetrate the intestinal wall, develop for 2-10 days, then move to the cecum where they mature into adults.

## Year-round whipworm protection is important

The infective eggs of these parasites may exist continuously in the environment, even during cold weather periods, and can ultimately reinfect your dog.