Millions of Dogs and Cats Are Undiagnosed for Parasites Each Year

Is Your Practice Using the Best Tools and Technologies Available?

Every day, millions of fecal exams are run in-house in small animal hospitals and clinics across the country. Experts estimate that in-house procedures may leave many dogs and cats with gastrointestinal parasites undiagnosed and untreated. What’s worse is that these animals can serve as a source of infection for other pets and zoonotic transmission.

What was once a simple floatation procedure for fecal ova and parasite testing has now evolved into the universal standard of zinc sulfate or sugar centrifugation/floatation for small animals and fecal egg counts for large animals. This way of testing has accelerated over the years and is only offered at outside reference laboratories due to the technology, training and highly educated parasitology technicians.

A national reference laboratory reported that 70% more parasite ova & larvae is detected at their laboratory compared to fecals run within veterinary hospitals.

Six Solid Reasons to Send Fecals to a Reference Laboratory

[1] Detect More. Find and diagnose more parasite ova and larvae for better results and to treat more patients.

[2] Quality Assurance. Rely on parasitology technicians who are 100% focused on parasitology.

[3] Specialists. Gain access to specialists at reference laboratories for consultation, verification and diagnostic options. Have a partner when you need it.


[5] Staff Efficiency. Let’s be honest. No one in your practice wants to do a fecal test. By sending your routine fecal samples, you can improve your results, while having your staff focus on what they do best.

[6] Turnaround. If your staff is busy, fecal testing might get delayed. With reference laboratories, you can expect next day results for immediate communication with your patients.

To learn more about parasite prevalence in your area, please visit the Companion Animal Parasite Council™ at www.capcvet.org.

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