Heartworm Lifecycle

Microfilariae present in infected dog’s bloodstream

Mosquito bites infected dog

6-7 Months

Infective larvae develop into adult heartworms inside mosquito

10-14 Days

Adult heartworms living in infected dog’s heart*

Infected mosquito bites another dog

6-7 Months

Infective larvae develop into adult heartworms inside newly infected dog

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