

# PROTECT YOUR PETS



It only takes **1 BITE** from an infected **MOSQUITO** to spread **HEARTWORM DISEASE** to your pet.

**When it comes to your pets, mosquitoes are more than a nuisance - they can be deadly.**

Preventing mosquito bites is key. The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District offers the following tips:

- Ensure pet is on heartworm preventative medication year-round
- Use topical flea and tick product on pets; they also repel mosquitoes
- Avoid letting dogs outside during peak mosquito activity; keep cats indoors
- Make sure doors and windows have well-fitting screens to keep mosquitoes out

**Eliminating mosquito breeding sources from your property is critical:**

- Dump and drain any containers filled with water at least once a week
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowl weekly
- Dump water from potted plant saucers
- Do not transport or share plant stems rooted in water
- Drill a hole or puncture containers to eliminate standing water

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