



Saving Grace works with many rural shelters throughout North Carolina where dogs have received little to no prior veterinary care. This results in a high population of heartworm positive dogs. Most cases are treated successfully, and the dogs do very well. However, the treatment is not without risk. Treatment for Heartworm Disease for dogs in our care is not optional, but we do offer treatment options for adopters. As a shelter, we have limited resources and can provide very basic and effective treatment through our veterinarians. Dogs going through treatment will be considered “fostered” so that SG can legally provide the Heartworm Injections. Complications are rare but do happen. There is no wrong choice and we encourage you to choose what works best for you as the adopter. Saving Grace does not provide reimbursement for veterinary care provided outside of our organization. If you would like to work with your veterinarian, or need emergency care outside the hours Saving Grace is open, you will be responsible for costs incurred.

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Option 1: My Heart is with Saving Grace

We offer the most basic Heartworm protocol to our shelter dogs in order to be able to offer treatment to many animals. Our partner veterinarians come onsite on scheduled days and administer treatments to dogs who are due to receive it. Multiple dogs are treated together to maximize use of the costly drugs and the veterinarian’s time. Because of this, there isn’t much flexibility for treatment times, and we do our best to schedule drop off/pick up a few days in advance. Depending on where your dog is in the treatment process, it may result in multiple return visits to Saving Grace and the dogs must be present on the outlined times.

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Option 2: Partnering Together

For the adopter who would like to go a step further than the most basic treatment and consult their personal veterinarian to explore/purchases services, this could be the option for you. Additional services can be covered at your cost from your veterinarian/clinic and you will bring the dog back to Saving Grace for the treatment/injections to be administered. Treatment injections are the costliest part of the treatment.

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Option 3: We got this

This plan is for the adopter who has a relationship with an established veterinarian and would like the option to work with them at their cost. With this plan, you agree to provide all necessary care needed at your cost and schedule appointments at your convenience with the veterinarian of your choice. The veterinarian will most likely recommend bloodwork and radiographs prior to treatment. The cost for care leading up to treatment and including Heartworm treatment is usually between \$800-\$1200 depending on the veterinarian, the hospital, and the plan you choose.

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