

# Saving Grace



Animals for Adoption  
a non-profit organization

## FOSTER TO ADOPT PROGRAM and Heartworm Treatment Informational Sheet

- Dogs Heartworm positive go into our FTA (foster to adopt) program and may leave if they are spayed/neutered, have started on a 30-day doxycycline protocol and have clearance to go home.
- We highly recommend you bring your dog to your own vet for a well check to establish care (this is at your own expense, since the dog will be yours. Your vet may recommend additional testing or medications and will be at your cost. Treatment with a private vet offers additional care, flexibility, and options to you as the adopter and helps form that baseline care while you await treatment.
- As the Adopter, you have two options for a HW positive dog.
  - Option 1: We complete the injection only Heartworm Treatments at Saving Grace
  - Option 2: You partner with your vet and take on the treatments. We encourage you to contact your vet with comparison treatment options however, it would be at your cost. If you choose option 2, we complete final adoption and you do not need to return for treatment.
- Our Process:
  - 30-day Doxycycline protocol- antibiotic treatment plan that clears any inflammation before the 1<sup>st</sup> treatment and begins to kill some of the bacteria in the heart. This protocol starts as soon as they test positive for HW.
  - Dogs are added to the rotation schedule for treatment
  - HW team reaches out and schedules treatments via email
  - 1<sup>st</sup> injection about a week after Doxy finishes
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> injection 4-6 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> injection, 24 hours after the 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Final adoption takes place the night of 3<sup>rd</sup> treatment
- Adopters go home with:
  - Foster agreement and signed HW options form (we need a copy of license and adoption request on file)
  - From the adoption packet: our behavior acclimation sheet, recommendations form, 24-hour physical signs sheet
  - A copy of the medical information sheet
  - A copy of the rabies certificate
  - HW information sheet and consent form

- Current medications the dog is on (if applicable)
- Injections: 3 total
  - We have veterinarians that donate their time specifically to administer Heartworm Treatments to large groups, therefore, there is no wiggle room as far as date and times. You must commit to the timeline once treatment begins
  - Drop off is typically between 9:30-10am and pick-up after 4:30 pm
  - Dogs over an hour away can stay overnight for 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> treatment time, overnight stays must be coordinated prior to return
- Post treatment care instructions and an updated Med sheet are sent with medication after each treatment