



Why does U Dirty Dawg require an Annual Fecal (intestinal parasite screening) for boarding stays?

Dogs and cats are commonly infected with internal parasites including roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, and tapeworms. While infected pets might experience diarrhea, vomiting or poor hair coats, often there are no symptoms of disease. Not only can these contagious parasites harm pets, but they also cause multiple problems in people including digestive issues, liver and lung damage, blindness and skin lesions. Parasites are released through an animal's feces and the eggs live in sandboxes, dirt, and/or grass/natural playgrounds for both children and pets. Most parasites (except tapeworms) are not visible in feces; the parasite eggs can only be seen using a microscope to examine a fecal sample. U Dirty Dawg is requiring that this be done every 6 months in order to board.

What if my pet needs only an updated fecal test in order to board and I don't realize it until I arrive for drop off?

Center Grove Animal Clinic can perform the fecal test in the hospital at drop off. If the test is negative, nothing further need be done. If the test is positive, your pet cannot be in the Kennel unless treated, therefore we will immediately begin treatment. You will be responsible for the cost of the fecal test and any medication or other treatment required enabling your pet to board in the Kennel.

The cost for Center Grove Animal Clinic to do a fecal is \$25.00. This fecal is not ran in-house, it will be sent out to our lab for more accurate results.