

## **Heartworm Treatment protocol (SoloStepHwag and Knotts positive)**

- 1. Exam, hospitalize(1 day) for first dose of interceptor or heartgard, profile, chest rads. Send home with one month supply of doxycycline(5.0mg/lb Bid)**
- 2. Recheck exam after 1 month. Hospitalize(1 day) for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of interceptor or heartgard.**
- 3. Recheck exam 1 month after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of HWP. Hospitalize(3 days) for immiticide given on day 1 of 3 day stay. Administer interceptor or heartgard during hospital stay. Prednisolone or previcox starting on day 1 of hospitalization.**
- 4. Recheck exam- week 2 (1 week after immiticide)**
- 5. Recheck exam- week 3**
- 6. Recheck exam- week 4**
- 7. Recheck exam, hospitalize(4 days) for 2<sup>nd</sup> immiticide treatment(1 month after first). 2 injections given 24 hours apart.(day 1 & 2). Administer interceptor or heartgard during hospital stay. Prednisolone or previcox on day 1 of hospitalization.**
- 8. Weekly rechecks for 1 month(3 total)**
- 9. Prescribe heartworm preventative(sentinel, interceptor, or heartgard)- 6 month supply**
- 10.Recheck SoloStepHwag test in 6 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment**