

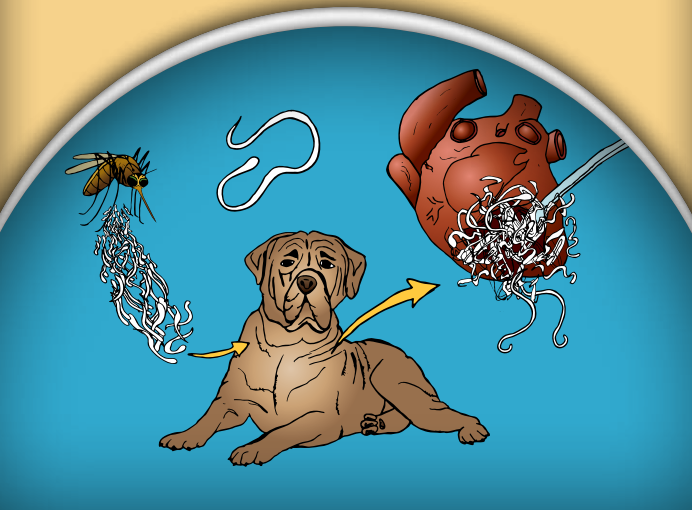
# WHAT IS CANINE HEARTWORM?

Canine heartworm is a clinical condition in dogs and cats that is caused by a roundworm called *Dirofilaria immitis*, which resides in the dogs' or cats' heart and lungs. Canine heartworm can be fatal to dogs and cats.

Canine heartworm is initiated by the bite of an infected **Treehole mosquito**. The Treehole mosquito gets its name from where they prefer to breed, treeholes.

Treehole mosquitoes do not fly far from their breeding place. If you fill the treeholes on or near your property with sand or an absorbent polymer, you will greatly reduce the number of treehole mosquitoes near your home.

Please contact your local Veterinarian to make sure your dog/cat is protected against heartworm disease.



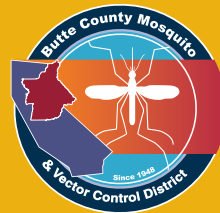
## Butte County Mosquito & Vector Control District

Since 1948

The District covers over 1600 square miles, and includes all of Butte County, except the small areas served by the Durham and Oroville Mosquito Abatement Districts, which were formed earlier. The District also includes the Hamilton City area of Glenn County. In April of 1994, "Vector Control" was added to the District name to reflect the additional disease surveillance and information now provided.

### OUR MISSION

The mission of BCMVCD is primarily to suppress mosquito-transmitted disease and to also reduce the annoyance levels of mosquitoes and diseases associated with ticks, fleas and other vectors through environmentally compatible control practices and public education.



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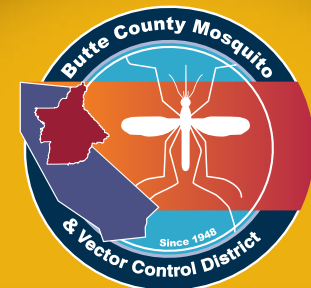
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# CANINE HEARTWORM



# DOGS AND CATS GET HEARTWORM FROM TREEHOLE MOSQUITOES

## How can you help?

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District works hard at controlling mosquitoes in your neighborhood, but we need your help.

## Fill all treeholes on your property with sand

You can also use an absorbent polymer or bore a drain hole into the treehole.

For more information please call a local tree service or call the District office at (530) 533-0608 or (530) 342-7350.

## Look for other possible mosquito breeding sites

Mosquitoes can also breed in water holding containers such as tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters, unmaintained swimming pools etc. Please check your yard for any possible mosquito breeding sites and take the necessary measures to keep them from becoming a problem.

## Visit the District's website at [www.bcmvcd.com](http://www.bcmvcd.com)

The District's website is a wealth of information. You can also make a service request, sign up for fogging notification and find out how to report a dead bird or squirrel.



*Fill treeholes with sand or an absorbent polymer like Agrosoke.*



*Be careful not to over-water your lawn. Avoid runoff.*



*Maintain swimming pools and hot tubs.*



*Keep fountains and birdbaths clean.*



*Drain standing water.*



*Old tires are mosquito breeding habitats. Dispose of them properly.*