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Client Consent To Refill
Heartworm Medication Prescription
Without a Blood Test

I, the undersigned owner or authorized agent for the owner of the pet(s) named _____, understand that standard veterinary procedures require that dogs receiving heartworm preventative medication be **blood tested annually** for the presence of heartworm larvae or antibodies, especially in high risk areas like Morgantown, West Virginia. The reasons for this policy are:

- 1) It is virtually impossible for veterinarians or owners to know whether each pet received and actually ingested its heartworm medication on a regular schedule during the previous year.
- 2) Pets that miss one or more doses of a heartworm preventative medicine on a monthly basis are at risk of becoming infested with adult heartworms that puts their overall health in serious jeopardy.
- 3) A small percentage of pets harboring adult worms and/or heartworm larvae will suffer serious adverse reactions after receiving routine heartworm preventative medications.
- 4) The manufacturer recommends that dogs receiving heartworm preventative be blood tested annually.

For these reasons, Paw Prints Veterinary Clinic recommends that heartworm preventative medication be provided to your pet on a year round basis. We also strongly recommend that your pet be blood tested annually for the presence of heartworm antibodies or larvae, and have a negative test result prior to, or at the time, prescribed medicines are refilled.

I, the owner or the authorized agent for the owner of the above named pet(s), hereby decline this recommended blood test. I agree to hold Paw Prints Veterinary Clinic and its staff and agents harmless in the event heartworm preventative medication is purchased and administered by me or my agents without the recommended blood test(s), and one or more of these named animals subsequently acquires heartworms or suffers an adverse reaction to the medication.

Signature of Owner or Agent

Date