

Species : Canine

Tested :

Year of birth :

Test performed : SNAP\* Leish 4Dx\* Test

**GOOD NEWS!** We're so glad you brought your dog for a routine wellness visit that included testing. Good news! We did not detect any evidence of heartworm infection or diseases spread by ticks and sandflies at this time. The best way to continue to protect your dog and your family is to stay up-to-date on annual vaccinations, to keep your dog on preventive medication and to come back each year for routine blood testing. Together, we can help your pet live a healthier life.

## Why test for these diseases?

Sandflies, mosquitoes and ticks are common in our area. These pests carry disease wherever they go, and it's easy for dogs to become infected – no matter how much time they spend outside.



### Sandflies

With a single bite, sandflies can transmit the protozoa that causes leishmaniosis to your dog. Symptoms of leishmaniosis can include these:

- Skin lesions
- Weight loss
- Decreased appetite
- Lack of energy
- Pale gums
- Enlarged lymph nodes
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Increased thirst and urination
- Fever



### Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes spread worm larvae from heartworm-infected dogs to your dog. Heartworm disease symptoms include these:

- Mild cough
- Reduced appetite
- Reluctance to move or exercise
- Weight loss



### Ticks

Infected ticks carry bacteria, and when they bite your dog, they can easily spread Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis. Symptoms of tick-borne disease include these:

- Bloody nose
- Fever
- Lack of energy
- Lameness
- Loss of appetite
- Painful joints
- Pale gums

Or your dog may not show any signs of disease.

## Tips to protect your dog and family

### Prevention.

Keep your dog on medication that prevents heartworm infection and tick bites (available from your veterinarian). Also include the use of topical insecticides for sandflies throughout the sandfly season.

### Vaccination.

Make sure your dog's vaccinations are up-to-date.

### Inspection.

Ticks bite pets and people, so check everyone for ticks after being outdoors. Remove ticks immediately.

### Elimination.

Consider safeguarding your immediate environment from sandflies, mosquitoes and ticks.

### Education.

Get current information about disease prevalence in your area at [escap.org](http://escap.org).

**GREAT WORK:** Stay on track and schedule your dog's next routine wellness visit today.