

Giardia Treatment Protocol

Since your pet has been diagnosed with giardia it is recommended that you implement the following steps in conjunction with the prescribed medication to expedite the eradication of this particular parasite.

Step 1:

- Begin decontamination of the environment
 - Disinfectants such as Rocal or Bleach sprayed on hard surfaces and allowed to dry thoroughly
 - Giardia cysts like to thrive in cool moist environments

Step 2:

- Use prescribed medication to treat the pet

Step 3:

- Remove giardia cysts from the pets fur
 - Bathe the pet with pet shampoo rinsing well and allow to dry thoroughly
 - Giardia cysts easily adhere to fur and can be a source of reinfection
 - After pet has been outside (especially for elimination) wipe the face, paws and backend with a babywipe to remove any possible cysts.

Step 4:

- If possible identify a source of infection
 - Ex: standing water, manure fertilizer, dog parks
 - If possible prevent pet from becoming reinfected by removing the source
 - It is not always possible to identify source of infection.