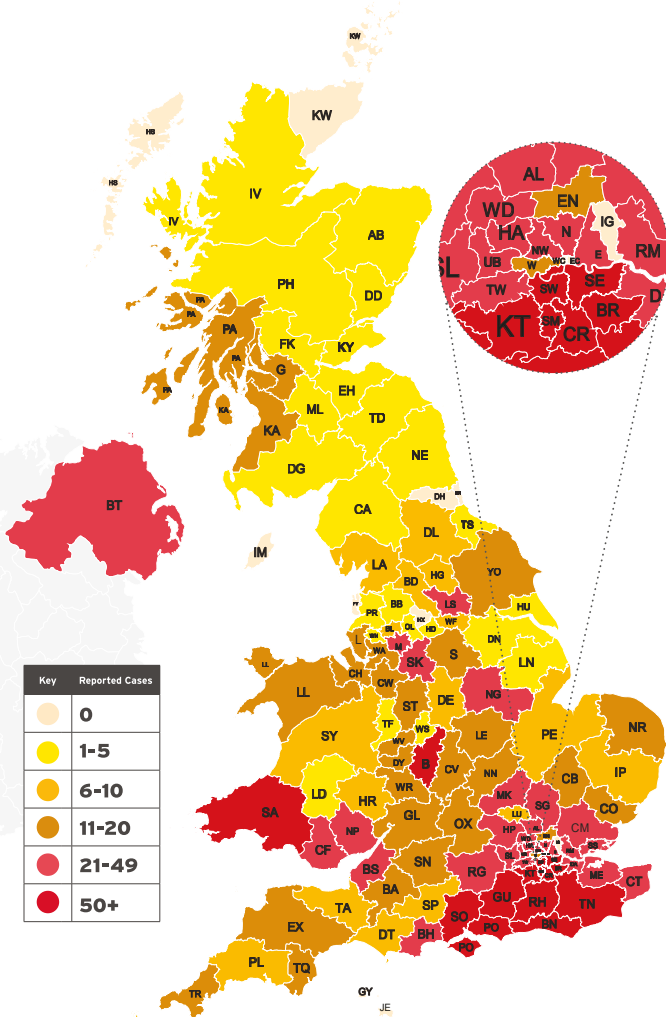


THE SPREAD OF LUNGWORM

Recent studies have shown that lungworm has spread throughout much of the UK, with an increasing number of cases now being reported in areas where it had previously not been found.



**VISIT LUNGWORM.CO.UK
TO FIND OUT THE RISK IN YOUR AREA**

PREVENTION & TREATMENT

Treatment is available and can result in full recovery, but as this parasite can be fatal it is important to prevent lungworm. Preventative products are only available from your vet, and must be given monthly. Always speak to your vet about the risk to your dog, and the need for an appropriate preventative.



**YOUR DOG COULD BE AT RISK.
DO NOT WAIT. ASK YOUR VET ABOUT
MONTHLY PROTECTION.**

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WHAT IS LUNGWORM?

LUNGWORM, *Angiostrongylus vasorum*, is a parasite that can cause serious health problems in dogs, and can even be fatal if not diagnosed and treated.

Dogs of all ages and breeds can become infected, but younger dogs seem to be more prone to picking up the parasite.

HOW DOES YOUR DOG BECOME INFECTED?

Accidentally (or intentionally) swallowing infected slugs or snails is the most common way dogs become infected with *Angiostrongylus vasorum*.

Dogs have plenty of opportunities to come into contact with slugs and snails on walks, or in your garden.

Small slugs and snails can be accidentally swallowed when your dog plays with toys, drinks from puddles or water bowls, eats grass or rummages through the undergrowth.

LUNGWORM larvae can also be found in the slime trail left behind by slugs, which could present another possible route of exposure for dogs.

DOGS CAN CONTRACT LUNGWORM IN VARIOUS WAYS:

EATING GRASS

Small slugs or snails can be accidentally swallowed when your dog eats grass.



OUTDOOR DOG TOYS

Slugs or snails found on a dog toy, could easily be swallowed.



DRINKING FROM PUDDLES OR OUTDOOR WATER BOWLS

Slugs or snails, or potentially even their slime trail found in a puddle or on an outdoor water bowl, can easily be swallowed whilst your dog is having a drink.



WOULD YOU RECOGNISE THE SIGNS OF LUNGWORM?

Lungworm can result in a range of symptoms. Your dog may show one or more of the following signs, but may show no symptoms at all in the early stages of the disease.

BREATHING PROBLEMS

Coughing / Tiring easily

POOR BLOOD CLOTTING

Excessive bleeding / Nose bleeds / Bleeding into the eye / Anaemia

BEHAVIOUR CHANGES

Depression / Lethargy / Seizures (fits)

GENERAL SICKNESS

Weight loss / Poor appetite / Vomiting / Diarrhoea

If you notice any of the symptoms described above, or if you think your dog might be at risk, don't wait, talk to your vet immediately.

Early diagnosis and treatment will give your dog the best chance of a complete recovery.

