



# EARLY DETECTION BLOODWORK

Did you know that 1 in 7 seemingly healthy adult pets have bloodwork abnormalities requiring further veterinary evaluation? Most household pets are considered adults by 12 months of age, so that means your pet should have bloodwork evaluated starting at their first annual exam. We feel so strongly about early detection leading to early treatment, that we have done everything we can to eliminate previously existing cost barriers. We now package baseline blood panels with routine testing like heartworm tests and fecal panels to allow you to test your pet without breaking the bank. We can't wait to give you the added peace of mind about your pets' health at your next annual visit!



**PATIENT SPOTLIGHT**

»»» Ruby

Did you know certain breeds require different sorts of grooming? Ruby, an Airedale Terrier patient at AHOM, is one of those breeds! Before meeting us, Ruby had been shaved down which can be damaging to her natural coat. Thankfully, Amanda knew her breed requires hand stripping, a technique used to pluck dead hair and allow new hair to grow in, preserving the characteristic breed coat. Ruby was so patient during this tedious process, and she looked so beautiful after, we knew she deserved the spotlight!

With it being peak mosquito season, it is more important than ever to protect pets from heartworms! As such, we are hosting a testing clinic on August 15 for the first 30 pets to sign up! Our goal is to provide testing for those who would not otherwise be able to afford it. Each dog will get a free heartworm test and a 1-month dose of prevention. If you or someone you know could benefit from this event, call us to sign up. You might just save a life!

## »»» Free Heartworm Testing



**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

»»» Mallory

Welcome, Mallory! A little over a year ago, Mallory moved to the area from Texas, and has been a member of the AHOM team since late July. She has a passion for animals and aspirations to start school to become a veterinary technician, and we couldn't be more thrilled to help her in that endeavor. When not working, Mallory enjoys spending time outdoors and hiking with her husband, Nathan. If you see Mallory at our front desk, please give her a warm welcome to the AHOM family!

## »»» ITCHY PET AWARENESS MONTH

August is Itchy Pet Awareness Month, and here in Louisiana, pets have a higher prevalence of allergies than in other areas of the country. Thankfully, we have several products to help reduce your dog's itch! If you have a dog that licks their paws often, gets recurrent ear infection, needs routine anal gland expression, or scratches and sheds more than normal, let us help you relieve that itch for them. One of our top options for itch relief is a monoclonal antibody injection, Cytopoint, that can relieve their symptoms for 4-8 weeks, often without other medications or special shampoos! Schedule your appointment today to give your dog the itch relief they deserve!

