



# Interceptor Plus Vs. Simparica Trio

Interceptor is the monthly oral heartworm preventive and intestinal deworming medication that Foxmoor Animal Hospital recommends for its patients. This preventive is most commonly paired with a monthly Credelio or an every 3 month dosing of Bravecto, which are both very effective oral flea & tick treatments.

A newer medication, called Simparica Trio, is a single monthly oral medication that combines heartworm prevention, treatment for intestinal worms, and fleas and ticks.

There are a couple of considerations when deciding which is right for your pet:

1. Simparica Trio does not treat for tapeworms (comes from fleas or eating rodents/rabbits) or whipworm (1 in 200 dogs test positive in Mercer county, compared to hookworm which is 1 in 50 dogs). If your dog is a hunter, exposed to fleas, or has previously had whipworms, then Simparica is not the best choice, and you should stick with Interceptor Plus and a separate flea/tick medicine.
2. If you have difficulty remembering to give two medications each month or prefer to just give one, then Simparica Trio is the best choice.

Both medications will equally prevent heartworm.

Both medications treat for the most common intestinal parasites.

Interceptor Plus is best for dogs exposed to rabbits/rodents or fleas.

Simparica Trio is best for dogs with low exposure to whipworms/tapeworms or for an owner prefers a single medication.