

TABLE 3.5
Educational Resources for Clients and Veterinary Professionals

CAPC	Offers local parasite prevalence maps, monthly forecasts, guidelines, and client-friendly materials (capcvet.org).
AHS	Provides heartworm prevention guidelines, educational campaigns, and printable handouts for clients (heartwormsociety.org).
Pet Disease Alerts	Provides forecast maps, alert maps, and resources (petdiseasealerts.org).
American Veterinary Medical Association	Offers preventive care guidance and resources (avma.org).
State and provincial VMAs	Many offer continuing education modules and compliance resources on preventive care.
Fear Free Pets	Training and resources for making preventive care less stressful for pets and pet caregivers, which can boost compliance (fearfree.com).

AHS, American Heartworm Society; CAPC, Companion Animal Parasite Council; VMA, Veterinary Medical Association.

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