

HOW TO REDUCE THE THREAT

The combination of routine fecal flotation testing, deworming and use of preventive medications for roundworms and hookworms, says Dr. Bowman, “will pretty much guarantee prevention of initial infection or reinfection.” He also advises cat owners to “minimize the animal’s hunting — keep your pets indoors.”

Control the presence of rodents and other creatures that your cat might prey upon.

Remove feces from your cat’s litter box daily.

Keep your property clear of feces.