

DROP DEAD

Learn how to make sure ticks
get the message and stop
hanging around your dog.



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TICKS

BITE

Here a tick, there a tick...

It's hard to avoid ticks. They live in common places like woods, bushes, and grass. And they have a tendency to latch on to passersby in their environment, like your dog.

A tick's ability to easily get on your dog makes it a pest. But it's what a tick does while on your dog that makes it a threat to your dog's health.

Ticks are bloodsuckers.

In fact, they need the blood of animals to survive. And as they go from host to host, they acquire—and spread—diseases along the way. These diseases can make your dog sick and potentially cause serious health problems.

You may not be able to entirely avoid encounters with ticks, but the good news is you can take some simple steps to protect your dog against them.



Signs of common tick-borne diseases in dogs

- Lyme disease—Swollen and painful joints, fever, depression, and loss of appetite; signs appear 1–5 months after exposure
- Rocky Mountain spotted fever—High fever, sluggishness, loss of appetite, sore muscles, vomiting, and labored breathing; signs appear 2–3 days after exposure

Q Why worry about ticks?

A tick is an effective disease carrier. It feeds on its hosts for long periods of time by inserting a feeding tube through the animal's skin to draw out blood. This close and prolonged contact with blood, coupled with its feeding on multiple hosts, makes it easy for a tick to transmit disease.

Diseases that ticks can transmit to your dog include Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and ehrlichiosis (pronounced er-li-key-o-sis), all of which require treatment and can cause serious health problems if untreated. And these aren't the only diseases your dog can get from ticks.

Q Can I get diseases like Lyme disease from my dog?

There is no evidence that dogs can spread tick-borne diseases directly to their owners. However, the same disease-carrying ticks that bite your dog can also find their way into your yard or your house and bite you.

- Ehrlichiosis—Signs of sudden onset: weight loss, fever, runny eyes and nose, loss of appetite, and depression; chronic signs appear 6–7 weeks after exposure

If you suspect that your dog may have a tick-borne disease, see your veterinarian for evaluation right away.

KEEP












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Q How do ticks get on my dog?

Ticks are like stowaways. They usually lie in wait on weeds, tall grass, bushes, or other plants until your dog or some other potential host (including you!) passes by. When your dog brushes against the tick, it crawls onto your dog and digs in. All it takes is one chance encounter while outside for ticks to take hold on your dog.

Even in their early stages, ticks can feed on your dog. And they typically need to feed on 3 different animals to become adults. After a tick gets its blood meal from each host, it detaches and prepares for its next life stage—and its next feeding.

Tick life cycle

Stages	Hosts
 Eggs	
 Larva	 
 Nymph	 
 Adult	  

Here's the life cycle of the blacklegged tick—also known as the deer tick—which can transmit diseases to you and your dog. After hatching from eggs, ticks need blood at every stage and will die if they don't find a host.

Q Don't ticks only appear in certain parts of the country and in the summer?

Tick populations can vary widely. While certain ticks—and the diseases they carry—may be associated with specific regions of the country and certain times of year, they are not restricted to them. As populations of people, animals, and plants change, so too can tick populations.

Because of the significant differences in tick populations and the existence of tick-borne diseases in all 50 states, the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) recommends year-round tick control to protect your dog.



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How can I keep ticks off my dog?

The most important step to keep ticks from feeding on your dog is to use year-round tick control products, such as monthly spot-on treatments or tick collars. Because ticks can be active year-round, if you only use tick control products seasonally, you may not prevent ticks from transmitting disease. Speak with your veterinarian about the best options for your dog.

Tips to keep ticks out of your yard

- Remove leaves, trash, or anything else that may give ticks a place to hide
- Clear tall grass and brush
- Place a 3-foot wide barrier of wood chips or gravel between lawn and wooded areas
- Mow lawn regularly
- Keep playground, decks, and patios away from trees
- Use Virbac Yard Spray Concentrate to kill fleas and ticks in your yard



Why would my veterinarian prescribe a tick collar for my dog?

A tick collar can provide an effective defense against ticks. If you live in a tick-friendly area or if your dog spends a lot of time outdoors in tick habitats—like the woods—your veterinarian may recommend a tick collar.

When considering a tick collar, the most important factor is its ability to kill or cause ticks to drop off your dog before they have a chance to transmit disease.

The PREVENTIC® Tick Collar rids your dog of most ticks within 24 hours of putting it on and has been shown to eliminate ticks within 48 hours. PREVENTIC Tick Collar paralyzes ticks so they can't feed on your dog and causes them to drop off and die. The collar's swift action reduces the chances that your dog will get a tick-borne disease like Lyme disease or Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

PREVENTIC Tick Collar makes sure ticks get the message fast and...

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Do not use PREVENTIC Tick Collar on puppies under 12 weeks of age.

Do not use on cats. 

LEARN MORE

Check out these great sources of information to help protect your dog from ticks:



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov/ticks



Companion Animal Parasite Council
www.petsandparasites.org



Tick Alert www.tickalert.com

For more resources to keep your dog healthy, visit www.virbacpets.com.



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