

9 Tips for Keeping Your Dog Free From Tick-Borne Diseases



Learn which season is “tick season”

Ask your veterinarian when tick season occurs in your neck of the woods. This will be the time of year to be most vigilant with tick control measures.



Use tick prevention products year-round

There are a variety of products on the market that prevent and/or kill ticks. Talk with your veterinarian about which products make the most sense for your dog.



Frisk your dog daily

The ticks' favorite places to attach are your dog's neck, head, and ears. Perform a “tick check” on your dog daily, particularly following outdoor excursions.



Screen your dog for tick-borne diseases yearly

Early detection leads to early intervention. Many tick-borne diseases don't show signs or symptoms early.



Remove embedded ticks promptly and properly

Do your best to remove any embedded ticks as soon as possible. Less time spent attached to your dog lessens the odds of disease transmission.



Know the lay of the land

Ticks prefer areas with dense vegetation. Best to avoid exposing your dog to such shrubby and grassy areas, particularly during peak tick season.



Consider the Lyme disease vaccine

The Lyme disease vaccine has been available now for several years. Discussion with your veterinarian on this topic is certainly warranted.



Save the ticks you remove

Different species of ticks transmit different diseases. Store the ticks in a container filled with isopropyl alcohol. Show them to your veterinarian should your dog become sick.



Know the symptoms

For dogs who develop a tick-borne disease, early recognition of symptoms and prompt veterinary attention enhance the likelihood of a positive outcome.



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