

HOW TO SAFELY REMOVE TICKS FROM YOUR PET

WHY IT MATTERS:

Ticks can carry serious diseases like Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis, and Anaplasmosis. Prompt removal is key to reducing the risk of infection.

1. GATHER SUPPLIES:

- ✓ Fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool
- ✓ Gloves (ticks carry disease, do not handle with your bare hands!)
- ✓ 2% chlorhexidine solution or another pet safe antiseptic
- ✓ Small container with a lid or sealable plastic bag

2. KEEP YOUR PET CALM

Have someone help if needed. Use treats, gentle restraint, and a calm voice.

3. GRASP THE TICK GENTLY BUT FIRMLY

- Get as close to your pet's skin as possible.
- Grab the tick with tweezers and pull straight out with steady pressure.
- Do not twist, crush, or jerk the tick - this can leave mouthparts behind.

4. DISPOSE OF THE TICK PROPERLY

- Place the tick in a sealed container with rubbing alcohol or place it in an airtight plastic bag.
- Note the date and location the tick was found on your pet's body.

5. CLEAN THE BITE AREA

Gently clean your pet's skin with soap and water or antiseptic. Wash your hands afterward, even if you wore gloves.

WHEN TO SEE A VET:

- If the tick's head/mouthparts remain embedded.
- If the bite area becomes red, swollen, or infected.
- If your pet seems tired, feverish, or loses appetite in the days following removal.

TICK PREVENTION TIPS:

- ✓ Use vet-recommended flea/tick preventatives.
- ✓ Check your pet daily, especially after hikes or outdoor play.
- ✓ Keep grass trimmed and avoid tall weeds or brush.

