Tick Sheet: what to do when you find a tick on your pet



The chances of getting bitten by a tick increase when you have been in nature. This is also the case for your pet. Pets like dogs and cats, but also humans, can get various illnesses from a tick bite. One of these is Lyme disease. The tick can also infect the area where it has attached itself. This can cause itching and irritation. You need to remove the tick as quickly as possible! It will be very easy with this sheet.

1 Feel and look through your pet's coat. Most ticks have not settled yet after a walk in nature, so you might see them walking. Ticks that have settled in the coat feel like a little bump on your pet's skin.

2 Also check the areas with less hair, like your pet's head, thighs, armpits, belly, ears and under the tail. These are the most common places to find ticks.

Tip: Use a **comb** on animals with long hair. Make sure that you don't break the tick.

3 Have you found a tick? Remove it with a special tick remover card or tool.

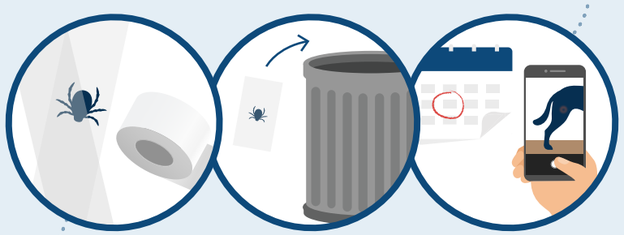


4 Grab the tick remover card or tool and grab the tick as closely to the skin as possible. Gently pull it out of your pet's skin.



If you are using tweezers, you can also **twist** when you pull. You don't have to do this when you use a tick card.

5 Place the tick on a bit of tape so it cannot hurt anyone else. Throw it away.



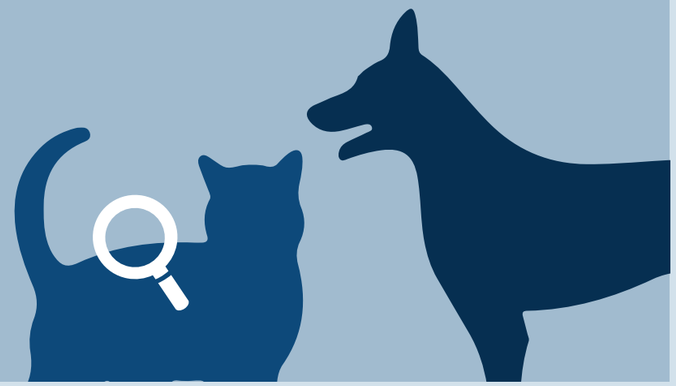
6 Take a picture of the spot and write down the date. It is useful to have this information in case something goes wrong.

Do **not** use any alcohol, heat or soap when you remove the tick. This may cause the tick to vomit.

7 After you've removed the tick, you can disinfect the area. Also disinfect the tools you've used.

It is easier to prevent than cure

It is great that you found a tick and removed it, but it would be better to prevent ticks from settling in your pet's skin. There are many tick repellent products that help prevent ticks. But please note, not every product protects your pet fully. You still have to check your pet for ticks.



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