



# ALONE AT HOME PET SERVICES

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### LYME DISEASE: THE SILENT THREAT TO DOGS



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Spring can spell trouble for dogs (and their humans) with tick-borne diseases like Lyme Disease.

Whether you **live in** or plan to **travel to**, an area prone to ticks, below is what you need to know.

#### Lyme Disease: 101

Lyme Disease is only transmitted from the bite of an infected tick after it has been **attached for 36-48 hours** according to the CDC. Removing a tick within 24 hours can **greatly reduce** your chances of getting Lyme Disease for both you and your dog. Fortunately, Lyme Disease is much easier to treat in dogs than humans with antibiotics.

But, if a dog or person **is** diagnosed with Lyme Disease, everyone in the household, including dogs, should be tested as they may have been exposed to ticks at the same time even if there are no symptoms.

#### Preventive Measures

Remember, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" and that's certainly true when it comes to preventing Lyme Disease.

- Avoid tall grasses, marshes and wooded areas where ticks are found.
- Clear all shrubbery around your home and keep your lawn well-maintained to discourage ticks.
- As soon as you come indoors, check yourself and your dog for ticks to proactively reduce the chances of Lyme Disease.

#### Potential Symptoms

Even if your dog becomes infected with Lyme Disease, vets warn that symptoms may not be noticeable for **two to five months**. If you do see your dog showing any of the symptoms listed below, contact your vet for **immediate** and **proper** diagnosis and treatment.

- Lameness.
- Joint swelling.
- Decreased activity.
- Fever and fatigue.
- Loss of appetite.

#### Should You Vaccinate Your Dog?

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), there **are** Lyme Disease vaccines for dogs. **But** they are **not** recommended for every dog so speak to your regular veterinarian **first**. Regardless, always take the preventive measures above to proactively protect your dog and family from the silent threat of Lyme Disease.

### UNUSUAL FACTS ABOUT THE DOGS WE LOVE



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Called the "barkless dog," but is this breed truly non-vocal?

The Basenji breed is one of the first dog breeds known as the "African Barkless Dog."

They do not bark like most dogs, instead, they produce a unique vocalization often described as a yodel or howl.

This distinctive vocalization results from the breed's unusually shaped larynx. But scientists also believe this unique sound developed over time as hunting dogs in the African forests to communicate with their human hunting partners over long distances.

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## 5 PET FIRST AID BASICS

# 1

### POISONING

- Harmful to humans = harmful to pets
- Follow product label instructions if ingested or exposed
- Contact Animal Poison Control Center: **888.426.4435**



# 2

### FRACTURES

- Muzzle pet w/gauze or a towel
- Gently lay pet on flat surface
- Transport to vet on stretcher (flat board or blanket)



# 3

### BURNS

- Muzzle your pet w/gauze or a towel
- Flush chemical burns with water
- Use ice water compress on severe burns



# 4

### CHOKING

- If pet can still breathe, transport to ER veterinarian
- If object is easy to reach in throat, try to gently remove with tweezers
- If cannot be removed and pet collapses, place both hands on sides of rib cage & apply firm, quick pressure. You can also lay pet on its side and strike rib cage firmly with palm.



# 5

### NOT BREATHING

- Stay calm. Open pet's airway by gently grasping tongue and pulling forward
- Check for foreign objects in airway
- Perform rescue breathing: close pet's mouth, then breathe directly into pet's nose until chest expands.



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From the upcoming book,  
*The Forever Dog Life*,  
comes this healthy and nutritious  
Deviled Eggs recipe for your dog!

Avocados are rich in vitamins and minerals including Vitamins C and E, folate, fiber, healthy fats for optimal brain function, phytosterols for heart function, and pound-for-pound contain more potassium than bananas. They also contain lipase, an enzyme necessary to digest fats.

Have a dog who's prone to high cholesterol and triglycerides, like a Schnauzer, Collie or Shetland Sheepdog? Eating avocados can help lower their triglyceride levels.

### Avocado Deviled Eggs

- 2 hard-boiled eggs
- 1/2 ripe avocado, shelled
- **Optional:** Broccoli Sprouts

Slice eggs in half and place the yolks in a small bowl. Add the avocado flesh.

Mash together until well combined.

Spoon the avocado/yolk mixture into the egg halves.

**Optional:** Stir in broccoli sprouts into mashed avocado/yolk mixture or top eggs with the sprouts at the end.

## COOL STUFF FOR THE DOG LOVER ENHANCING THE ANIMAL-OWNER BOND & CONNECTION

As a pet parent, you want the absolute best for your family companion! But how do you address your pet's **holistic** well-being?

Meet Carolyn Osborn, an Energy Intuitive and the Founder of Chiron Energy Medicine for Animals (and people!)

Carolyn's journey began as an equestrian who began using energy work to strengthen her synergy with her beloved horse, Red. That practice led to extensive show jumping and dressage rider accomplishments (Bronze Medal) and ultimately resulted in her founding Chiron Energy Medicine.

As an energy intuitive, Carolyn is devoted to helping people and their animals release stress and blockages in the body and restore emotional and behavioral harmony. Her Animal Communication can also help owners better understand their pet's needs and desires directly from them for a deeper bond and connection.



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