

# PROTECT YOUR PETS FROM TICKS AND LYME DISEASE



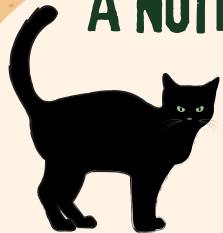
Lyme disease is spread by the bite of an infected tick. These ticks are found in all 50 states and throughout the world, and often near areas with trees, shrubs, tall grass, or piles of leaves.

## THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOUR PET AGAINST LYME DISEASE IS BY AVOIDING TICK BITES:

- Check your pet after being outdoors.
- Carefully remove attached ticks immediately with fine-point tweezers or specific tick-removing tool and wash the bite area with soap and water, or alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Talk to your veterinarian about year-round tick prevention products for pets and Lyme disease vaccines for dogs.
- Reduce tick habitat in your yard.

**IMPORTANT:** Keeping a pet indoors does not prevent infection.

## A NOTE ABOUT CATS:



Lyme disease is not a typical concern for cats. Although the bacteria that cause Lyme disease can infect cats, the disease has never been seen outside a laboratory setting.

**IMPORTANT:** Cats are extremely sensitive to many chemicals. Do not apply tick prevention products to your cat without first asking your veterinarian.

## COMMON SIGNS OF INFECTION:

- Fever
- Lethargy
- Joint Pain
- Swelling
- Loss of Appetite
- Kidney Failure

**IMPORTANT:** Signs of tickborne disease may not appear for 7-21 days after a tick bite so watch your dog closely if you suspect your pet has been bitten by a tick.

## WHERE TO CHECK FOR TICKS:

