

Tick Bite Prevention for Pets

It is important to use a tick preventive product on your dogs because they are very susceptible to tick bites and tickborne diseases. Talk to your veterinarian about:

- Lyme disease vaccination for your dog
- The best tick prevention products for your pets
- Tickborne diseases in your area

Reduce the chances that a tick bite will make your dog sick by:

- Checking your pets for ticks daily
- Removing ticks from your pet immediately

Tick Control in the Yard

Landscaping to create tick-safe zones. Blacklegged ticks need high humidity to survive; they die quickly in drier environments. Removing leaf litter and clearing tall grass and brush around houses and at the edges of lawns will reduce the numbers of ticks. Placing wood chips or gravel between lawns or play areas and wooded areas creates a dry barrier that is difficult for ticks to cross. Fences can help keep deer away from homes.



1 TICK ZONE
Avoid areas with forest and brush where deer, rodents, and ticks are common.

2 WOOD CHIP BARRIER
Use a 3-ft. barrier of wood chips or rock to separate the "tick zone" and rock walls from the lawn.

3 WOOD PILE
Keep wood piles on the wood chip barrier, away from the home.

4 TICK MIGRATION ZONE
Maintain a 9-ft. barrier of lawn between the wood chips and areas such as patios, gardens, and play sets.

5 TICK SAFE ZONE
Enjoy daily living activities such as gardening and outdoor play inside this perimeter.

6 GARDENS
Plant deer-resistant crops. If desired, an 8-ft. fence can keep deer out of the yard.

7 PLAY SETS
Keep play sets in the "tick safe zone" in sunny areas where ticks have difficulty surviving.

Based on a diagram by K. Stafford, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

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