

TICKS MAKE 'EM SICK!



- Ticks can make dogs and cats really sick.
- They feed on your dogs' and cats' blood and can make them anaemic. This means they lose so much blood that they don't have enough left to be healthy!
- Some ticks can paralyse your pet so that they can't walk or breathe. Paralysis ticks are found in places along the coast.
- Ticks can also carry diseases which make animals really sick - some of these diseases can also make you very sick if a tick bites you.
- There are now many strong and safe tick and flea products available for your animal.

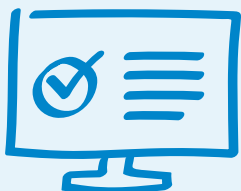


You can protect your pet from ticks with medication!

WHERE TO BUY PARASITE PREVENTION ONLINE

To keep your pet safe from fleas, ticks and worms, you need to give this treatment regularly.

- Choose either: Nexgard, Bravecto, Simparica, Seresto or Kiltix collars.
- If you live in a tick paralysis area (the coast), Nexgard or Bravecto will be best.
- If you live in a rural area, a Seresto collar is best as it is the only product that will stop a tick biting in the first place.



You can buy parasite prevention at a lower cost from these websites:

- petbarn.com.au
- vetsupply.com.au
- petcircle.com.au
- petstock.com.au
- budgetpetproducts.com.au
- shop.vetaround.com.au
- petchemist.com.au
- yourpetpa.com.au

HOW TO STOP TICKS



- Check your dog for ticks after they have been in the bush. Most ticks like to attach to the dog's ears, head and between the toes, but they can be found anywhere on their body. Check yourself too - you can get sick as well!
- If you find a tick, remove it with a tick hook. Don't just pull it off - some bits of the tick can stay behind and cause an infection.
- Keep grass short in your yard - ticks like to live in long grass.
- Get your house and yard sprayed by a licensed pest control technician to kill ticks. Make sure your pets are safely inside when



this happens. The spray can make your pet very sick if they get it on them. Ask your pest controller when it's safe for pets to go back outside.



- Prevent fleas and ticks with a product recommended by vets. Tick products from the supermarket don't work well and your pet might not be protected.
- See previous page for where to buy parasite prevention online at affordable prices.



Even if the tick on your dog isn't carrying a disease, they can still get really sick from their venom (paralysis ticks) or losing blood when the ticks feed.

WHAT DISEASES DO TICKS CAUSE?



For tick paralysis, Nexgard or Bravecto is best, but for the other diseases, a Seresto collar is best as it is the only thing that stops the tick from biting.

- **Tick paralysis** – Paralysis ticks stop your pet's muscles from working, starting with their back legs and then moving up to their chest so that they can't breathe or swallow. They may start by being wobbly when they walk, then their voice might change, they may vomit or have trouble breathing. Without treatment at the vet, many pets will die from tick paralysis. Paralysis ticks can also cause paralysis in small kids and make adults feel sick.
- **Babesiosis** – Ticks can carry this parasite and give it to your pet when they bite them. Babesia destroys your pet's blood cells. Infected dogs become weak, tired and stop eating. They might have red urine. Some are also sick (vomit) or have loose poo (diarrhoea).
- **Anaplasmosis** - This can make your dog anaemic, but this parasite can also stop their remaining blood from clotting properly. This means dogs can bleed a lot from small cuts, and a big cut or injury could kill the dog!
- **Ehrlichiosis** - This isn't in NSW yet, but it might get here soon. It is a parasite carried by ticks that makes dogs weak, anaemic, lose their appetite, can make them blind or even die! It can make people sick too!



PROTECT YOUR BEST MATE!

Give them tick medicine regularly and check them for ticks every day. If your pet seems sick, see your local vet.