## How to Remove a Tick from Your Pet



- Wear rubber gloves! Ticks can transmit disease to humans too.
- Use tweezers or a tick removal tool to grasp the tick as close as possible to the skin using a slow, steady, rearward pressure to release the tick from the skin.
- Dispose of the tick by placing it in alcohol or flushing it down the toilet. Or you may keep the tick in a sealed container and take it to your veterinarian to identify or to send out for further testing.
- Clean the skin with soap and water after removing the tick.
- If you don't feel comfortable removing a tick from your pet at home, or have concerns about whether you removed all of it, contact your veterinarian.

## Things to Avoid

- Don't try burning the tick with a lit match or other heat source. This will hurt your pet and potentially spread infections into the air.
- Don't try suffocating or irritating the tick with fingernail polish or petroleum jelly.
- Don't crush or twist the tick. That's a fast way to expose your pet to more pathogens and cause the mouthparts to break off.

## Flea & Tick Preventive

- Offers inside and outside protection -- fleas and ticks carry bacteria and parasites that can cause serious disease in domestic animals.
- Helps protect the entire family -- flea and tick bites can transit disease to humans too.
- Do not use products made with permethrin, which is safe for dogs, on cats. It is toxic to them.
- Ask your veterinarian which products are best for your pet's individual needs.





