

# How to Safely Remove a Tick

## MATERIALS YOU'LL NEED



Fine-tipped  
tweezers



Soap and  
water



Rubbing  
alcohol



Container

## STEP-BY-STEP TICK REMOVAL

### STEP 1: GRASP

Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.

### STEP 2: PULL

Gently pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick as this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin.

### STEP 3: CONTAIN

Place the tick in rubbing alcohol and seal it in a bag or container. Then bring it to your healthcare provider for testing.

### STEP 4: CLEAN

After removing and disposing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water. Make sure you also clean the fine-tipped tweezers with rubbing alcohol.



If you develop a rash or fever after removing the tick, visit your healthcare provider immediately.

# How to Safely Remove a Tick From Your Pet

## MATERIALS YOU'LL NEED



Gloves



Fine-tipped  
tweezers or  
tick remover



Disinfectant  
or antiseptic  
cream



Rubbing  
alcohol



Container

## STEP-BY-STEP TICK REMOVAL

### STEP 1: SCAN

While wearing gloves, run your fingers over your pet's body. If you feel a swollen area or bump, check to see if a tick has burrowed in its skin.

### STEP 2: GRASP

Pull back any fur, and use either the fine-tipped tweezers or tick remover to gently grasp the tick. You should get as close to your pet's skin as possible.

### STEP 3: PULL

In a steady, slow motion, pull the tick upward. Don't twist or jerk the tick as this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin.

### STEP 4: CONTAIN

Kill the tick by placing it in rubbing alcohol and seal it in a bag or container. Then bring it to your pet's veterinarian for testing.

### STEP 5: CLEAN

After removing and disposing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area with pet-friendly disinfectant or antiseptic cream. Don't forget to rinse the tick removal tool with rubbing alcohol and dispose of your gloves.



**If your pet begins displaying symptoms of a tick-borne illness, bring them to their veterinarian immediately.**