

Tick-Born Diseases in Dogs

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Finding a tick on your furry friend is not always a cause for alarm and can usually be treated with medication at your local veterinarian's office. Ticks are more harmful if they are [attached](#) to your dog. If the tick is attached, it may be a bigger deal that needs more complex treatment. There are several diseases that can be caused by a tick bite. These diseases can be serious, and it will be important to get the appropriate treatment for your pet.

One of the more common diseases caused by ticks is [Lyme Disease](#). Lyme disease is caused by deer ticks. Lyme disease in dogs is most common in the Northeast and Midwest but can make appearances in other areas of the United States as well. This tick is most dangerous if it is attached to your dog for longer than 36 hours, however, symptoms of Lyme Disease can take up to five months to notice. Fever, limping, appearing overly tired, or joint pain are all symptoms of this disease.

Other diseases that stem from tick bites include [Canine Ehrlichiosis](#) and Anaplasma. [Anaplasma](#) comes from the back-legged tick and, like Lyme Disease, is most common in the Northeast and Midwest. You may also see this type of tick along the coast. You will find symptoms similar to Lyme Disease. Canine Ehrlichiosis is a disease that multiple types of ticks carry. Ticks that transmit this disease include the Brown Dog Tick, Lone Star Tick, and American Dog Tick. Since the disease is carried by so many types of ticks, Canine Ehrlichiosis may affect dogs in more areas, including North, Central, and South America. Additional symptoms common with this disease include bleeding, bruising, and poor appetite. Signs may appear in 1-3 weeks after an initial bite.

If you think your pet may have a tick bite, get them checked out by your vet to make sure. If any of these diseases are detected, a veterinary professional can tell you more about the correct treatment for your dog. There are several [different options for tick bites](#). By getting your dog checked out, you can also learn how to prevent tick bites in the future, so your favorite pet can live a happy, long life.