

Lyme Disease Alert

Lyme Disease has increased dramatically in both humans and pets. Lyme Disease is spread by the bite of a deer tick and is on the rise in our area - now reaching **EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS**. Lyme is now the most common tick-borne disease in the United States.

Although ticks can show up most anywhere, it's important to check your pet and yourself for ticks after venturing through areas favored by ticks. If a tick attaches itself to you or your pet an infectious dose is not transmitted immediately. The tick has to be attached to the victim for one to two days before a disease-causing dose can be delivered. Prompt and proper removal of the ticks may prevent the transmission.

The **Harbor Animal Hospital** is now including a test for Lyme Disease with the heartworm test. Lyme Disease can be prevented with **VACCINATION** and safe tick control. Heartworm disease is prevented with a monthly tablet.

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When They Are This Close – You Want Them Both Protected!



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TICKS & LYME DISEASE ARE A SERIOUS HEALTH THREAT!

Proper Tick Removal

Prompt removal of ticks will help prevent Lyme Disease transmission. A tick's mouthparts have harpoon-like barbs; they do not screw into the skin. When removing, DO NOT crush, jerk or twist.

Exposure to the tick's body fluids could lead to the transmission of Lyme Disease. DO NOT use your fingers to remove the tick. Using tweezers or forceps, grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible and gently pull the tick straight out, steadily and firmly. After removal, wash hands and bite site with soap and water and apply antiseptic to the site.



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