

LYME DISEASE AND PETS



Lyme disease doesn't just affect humans, it can also affect our pets. Knowing the facts and taking the right precautions can help ensure your furry friend is safe this summer.

CAN MY PET GET LYME DISEASE?

Yes. Dogs and cats that spend a lot of time in the woods, brush, or tall grass are more at risk of coming in contact with ticks. It's important to know animals that get Lyme disease cannot spread it to humans or other animals.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Dogs and cats have similar symptoms:

Fever	Decreased Appetite	Swollen, Painful Joints
Lameness	Lethargy	Swollen lymph nodes

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT TICKS ON MY PET?

Check your pets daily for ticks.

Ask your veterinarian about products that prevent ticks.

Keep grass and brush trimmed in your yard.

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WHAT ARE TREATMENT OPTIONS?

Consult a veterinarian if your pet is ill.

Antibiotics usually produce rapid improvement.

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