

Meet the Brown Dog Tick!

A tiny bug with big facts!

A Smooth, Oval Shield

Look for the "scutum," a small hard shield just behind the head on their warm-brown body.

Ridged Edges Called Fестоons

Small rectangular notches or "festoons" line the very back edge of their body.

Small as a Sesame Seed

These ticks are incredibly tiny, often the same size as a seed or a small leaf tip.

The Tiny "Beak" at the Front

The mouthparts consist of a hexagonal base and short, beak-like palps used for sensing.

Eight Busy, Segmented Legs

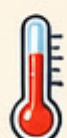
They have four pairs of legs with tiny claws, often held forward to feel their surroundings.

Quick Facts



Size:

About the size of a sesame seed (2-3 mm).



Habitat:

Lives on dogs and in warm, grassy places.



Hosts:

Mostly dogs, but can also bite people and other animals.



Why it matters:

Can spread germs that make people and pets sick.

Did You Know?

Brown dog ticks are active in warm weather. Always check yourself and your pets after being outside!

How You Can Help Stay Tick-Safe!



1 Wear long sleeves and tuck pants into socks in grassy areas.



2 Use adult-approved tick repellent on skin/clothes (ask an adult).



3 Check your skin and clothes after playing outside; check your pet too.



4 Remove ticks quickly with tweezers and ask an adult for help.



5 Keep grass short and clear leaf piles where pets play.



Learn more. Be aware. Stay safe! ❤️

Ticks: A Kids' Guide – How to Stay Safe!

THE TICK

Mouthparts



The mouthparts help the tick hold on and feed.

Legs

Ticks have 8 legs.

? What is a tick?

A tick is a tiny spider-like bug that can bite people and animals and sometimes spread germs.

TICK BITE (CLOSE-UP)

1



Tick on skin

2



Mouthparts in skin

3



Skin may get red and swollen

WHERE TICKS LIVE

Ticks hide in long grass and bushes.



On grass tips



On low bushes



In leaf litter

VETERINARIAN

Veterinarian: A doctor for animals who helps keep pets healthy.



Ask a vet about tick prevention.

REMOVING A TICK



Tweezers

1



Grab the tick close to the skin.

2



Pull straight up and steady.

Ask an adult or a vet to help.

SYMPTOMS OF AFRICAN TICK BITE FEVER



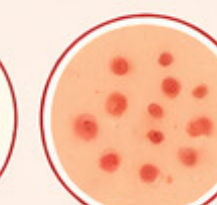
Fever



Headache



Muscle pain



Rash

See a doctor if you feel sick after a tick bite.

WAYS TO STAY SAFE FROM TICKS

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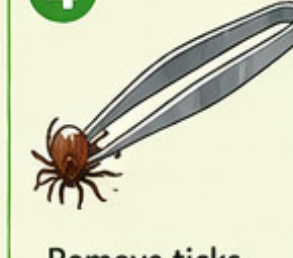
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Be smart, be safe, and enjoy the outdoors! ❤️