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Ticks in Your Yard: Here's What to Do!

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Steps You Can Take

You don't have to be walking in the woods to be bitten by a tick. You can be in your own backyard!

Ticks like damp, shady, brushy, leafy areas, where they can wait for a person or an animal (like a deer or a mouse) to come by. The tick waits for direct contact with a passing person or animal.

Reducing ticks in your yard means making your yard less attractive to ticks, and less attractive to animals that carry ticks, like mice and deer.

Is your yard damp with shrubs and shade? Are there rotting leaves along fences, wood piles, or rock walls? If the answer is yes, your yard may be attractive to ticks and to animals that carry ticks like deer and mice. Reduce the number of ticks around your home by following these steps:

Keep grass cut short. Ticks are more likely to be found in taller, unmown grasses and shrubs, where they wait to attach to a passing person or animal. If your yard is fenced, weed whip all of the long grasses and weeds from the fence

Remove leaf litter and brush from around your home. "Leaf

litter" refers to decomposing leaves where ticks can live, that can be raked up and removed.

Prune low lying bushes to let in more sunlight (keeps the yard from being so damp and shady, so ticks will be less attracted to the yard). Keep wood piles and bird feeders off the ground and away from your home. This will make your yard less attractive to mice and other small rodents that can carry ticks.

Keep the plants around stone walls cut short

Use a three-foot-wide wood-chip, mulch or gravel barrier where your lawn meets the woods. Ticks are less likely to cross the barrier into the lawn because they are prone to drying out. It also serves as a reminder that people who cross the barrier into the wooded area may be at higher risk of getting ticks.

Ask your local nursery about plants to use in your yard that do not attract deer. Deer can carry ticks into your yard.

Use deer fencing for yards 15 acres or more.

Non-toxic home remedies to keep ticks off of your pets :

1. Rose Geranium Essential Oil
Add 20 drops of rose geranium essential oil in three tablespoons of almond oil. Mix it well and apply a few drops on your pet's fur, especially around the collar. Or apply 1 drop, undiluted, between the shoulder blades and at the base of the tail,
2. Witch Hazel
Witch hazel is a natural tick repellent. Mix witch hazel and lemon eucalyptus oil in 10:1 ratio, stir the solution well and fill it in a spray bottle. Spray it on your pet.
3. Cedar Oil Spray
Cedar oil acts as a repellent to ticks. Use cedar oil spray, once in a day. Apply it directly on pet's face, collar, and tummy area.
4. Apple Cider Vinegar
Add 1 cup of water to a spray bottle followed by 2 cups distilled apple cider vinegar. Add 2 tablespoons of vegetable or almond oil (both contain sulfur-a natural tick repellent) To make a repellent that will also deter fleas, mix in a few spoonfuls

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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
June 27, 2015

At the home of Beth & John Santure
200 Begole Rd. Milan, MI 48160

11am – Noon Set-up

—Potluck Lunch at Noon—

BARN HUNT INSTINCT SEMINAR

\$5.00 per dog

1 pm—3 pm



Business Meeting to follow

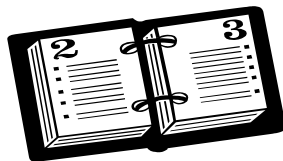
Bring x-pens, shade for sun/cover for rain and chairs
Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for the lunch. Please RSVP Beth by
email at bsanture@gmail.com to let her know if you are planning to attend and
what dish you are bringing.

We'll have the meeting rain or shine. If it rains we'll be meeting
in the back garage

Guests are ALWAYS welcome!

DIRECTIONS:

US-23 to Exit 31 (Willis Rd.). West onto Willis Rd. to Platt Road (stoplight). Left (south)
on Platt Rd. for 2 miles to Begole Rd. Right onto Begole Rd, over RR tracks, only
house on the right.



2015 Calendar of Important Events

JUNE 27-

MSCM Meeting at the home of Beth and John Santure, Milan. (details on page 3)

JULY 24-

MSCM Annual Agility Trial -Dexter, MI

August 22-

Meeting at Joanne Forster's, Elkton

SEPTEMBER 25 -

MSCM Fall Specialty Show-Monroe,

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of lemon juice, citrus oil, or peppermint oil. Spray on the pets dry coat, staying away from sensitive areas (eyes, nose, mouth, genitals) When outside for an extended period, spray this solution 2 or 3 times per day. Spray down your dog once per day if they only go outside to potty, several times a day if they are outside for the day.

MI-Monroe County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 2-4-

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 11-

Meeting at Sue Quinn's House in Macomb

DECEMBER 7-

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards
Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing, MI

MSCM DONATIONS

\$150 To MAPBD

\$250 To AMSC Health Fund

\$150 AMSC Trophy Fund

MSCM Agility Trial

Friday, July 24, 2015

Canine Sports & Recreation
Center
Dexter, MI



Member volunteers needed! If you can't make it to the trial, volunteer to make food to feed the workers!



The Whelping Box

No litters to announce at this time

The quality of your litter should not only be evaluated by the best in the litterbut by the least. If you are breeding quality animals, even your pets should be good examples of the breed!



Don't Forget to Send in your Trophy Donation!!

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An Overview of Probiotics

For your dog to perform at his/her best, they need to feel their best. Supplementing your dog's diet with probiotics can help ensure that they do.

While the main function of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract is digestion and absorption of nutrients, it also has an important role in the body's natural defense system. Probiotics contain varieties of beneficial bacteria that not only aid the digestion process, they can help to support a healthy immune system.

The microflora in the GI tract includes both beneficial and pathogenic microorganisms, sometimes referred to as good and bad bacteria. While research continues, the scientific community has identified bacterial strains that have beneficial health effects. There is considerable scientific evidence which supports that the bacterial environment can be influenced by what an animal eats. Probiotic bacteria are microorganisms that, when ingested, have a beneficial effect on

intestinal functions.

Probiotics produce a type of fatty acids, which inhibit the growth and activity of harmful bacteria, such as E. coli, Salmonella and Clostridium perfringens, as well as providing other benefits to the intestines. Probiotics may also help prevent urinary tract infections, and can even reduce allergic reactions by decreasing intestinal permeability and controlling inflammation.

Studies in both humans and animals have shown that certain probiotics increase bacterial counts of good bacteria, while decreasing the numbers of pathogenic bacteria that can cause diarrhea and other illness. Evidence suggests that one action of the bacteria in probiotics is their ability to inhibit harmful pathogens from colonizing in the GI tract. The beneficial bacteria attach to the cells of the intestines and produce substances which inhibit the ability of pathogens to bind to the intestines. This mechanism is referred to as "competitive exclusion of pathogens". In other words, the good bacteria in probiotics can starve and squeeze out bad bacteria within the intestines.

The most important function of the intestinal microflora is protection against infection and colonization by harmful bacteria. The aging process as well as the stress associated with traveling, kennel boarding and changes in envi-

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ronment or diet can all affect the bacterial balance. This can result in increases in pathogenic bacteria and reduced performance of the protective barrier of the gut, which can lead to GI upset and systemic problems. Even "good" stresses, such as traveling to a competitive performance event, can upset this delicate balance.

Another well-recognized cause of disturbance of the intestinal microflora is the use of wide-spectrum antibiotics to treat infection. These antibiotics can kill good bacteria, as well as bad, within the intestines. This can allow potentially harmful bacteria to become dominant and cause antibiotic-induced diarrhea. Some medications can also cause shifts in the intestinal pH, which can aggravate issues caused by a bacterial imbalance.

Some probiotic species require refrigeration in order to remain viable. It's not understood how many survive passage through stomach acid into the digestive tract, and whether they then colonize or must be continually replenished. Some products, especially those that are not refrigerated, contain fewer live organisms than their labels claim.

Freeze-dried probiotics may last longer than other types. Probiotics in commercial foods may not survive processing or storage. Probiotic products should always provide an expiration date.

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Braggs



"On April 4, 2015, MACH Loneacre's Storm Warning CGC MXB MJS OF T2B - "Twister" earned his MACH title at the Fort Detroit German Wirehaired Pointer Club agility trial held in Dexter, MI." Twister is owned by JoAnne Scott



On Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Terrier Club of Michigan Show, Jofor's Nobody But Me "Blake" went Winners Dog Best of Winners and Bred By Exhibitor dog under Judge Pamela Wilson for 2 points. On Saturday, April 25, Blake also went Winners dog under Judge Robert Smith for 1 point. Blake is owned by Joanne Forster



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Examples of canine probiotic formulas that are recommended by "The Whole Dog Journal" include:

Thorne Research's Bacillus CoagulansVet (thorne.com)

Jarrow's Pet Dophilus (jarrow.com)

Vetri-Science's Vetri-Probiotic (vetriscience.com)

Nusentia's Probiotic Miracle (nusentia.com)

Purina's Fortiflora (fortiflora.com)

The use of a quality probiotic can aid your dog's ability to fight infections, prevent diarrhea from an overgrowth of bad bacteria, and improve your dog's overall vitality. It's always a good idea to consult with your veterinarian before making any significant changes to your dog's diet and/or supplements.

Show Calendar

Obedience & Rally

July 4-5 Obed/Rally
 Ann Arbor KC
 Monroe, MI
 Closes 6-17

July 10-12 Obed
 Holland/Battle Creek KC
 Marshall, MI
 Closes 6-24

Aug. 7-9 Obed/Rally
 Obed. TC of Greater Lansing
 Lansing, MI
 Closes 7-22

Aug. 15-16 Obed & Rally
 St. Joe Valley Agility Club
 Buchanan, MI
 Closes 7-29

Aug. 28-30 Obed & Rally
 Marquette KC
 Marquette, MI
 Closes 8-12

Agility

July 3-5
 Mid-MI Cocker Spaniel
 Midland, MI
 Closes June 19

July 10-12
 AADTC
 Dexter, MI
 Closes 6-26

July 17-19
 Southern MI Weimaraner Club
 Dexter, MI
 Closes 7-3

July 24
 MSCM
 Dexter, MI
 Closes 7-10

July 25-26
 GWP Club
 Dexter, MI
 Closes 7-8

Aug. 1-2
 Capital City Club
 Williamston, MI
 Closes 7-18
 OUTDOORS

Aug. 7-9
 Weimaraner Club
 Dexter, MI
 Closes 7-24

Aug. 7-9
 NODOROG Gordon Setter Club
 Lapeer, MI
 Closes 7-22

Aug. 14-16
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
 Dexter, MI
 Closes 7-31

Aug. 21-23
 Companion DTC
 Grand Blanc, MI
 Closes 8-7

Aug. 28-30
 Central MI Agility Club
 Midland, MI
 Closes 8-14

Conformation

July 4 & 5
 Ann Arbor KC
 Monroe, MI
 Closes 6-17

July 10-12
 Holland, MI KC, Battle Creek KC
 Marshall, MI
 Closes 6-24

August 1 & 2
 Sturgis KC, Berrien KC
 Marshall, MI
 Closes 7-15

August 15 & 16
 Macomb KC
 Davisburg, MI
 Closes 7-29

August 28-30
 Marquette KC
 Marquette, MI
 Closes 8-12

Sept 5 & 6
 Jaxon KC
 Jackson, MI
 Closes 8-19