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How to Remove a Tick From Your Dog

By [AKC Staff](#) Updated: Mar 14, 2024 | 2 Minutes

Removing ticks from your dog may not be pleasant, but it's important to do it promptly and correctly. Once you know how to remove a tick, it will be a fairly easy process.

Because they can carry infectious organisms, ticks infect thousands of animals and people with illnesses like Lyme disease, babesiosis, and ehrlichiosis every year. Pathogen transmission can occur as quickly as three to six hours after a bite occurs, so the sooner you remove the tick, the less chance there is that your dog will get sick.

A tick has a one-piece body. The harpoon-like barbs of its mouth attach to a host for feeding. Crablike legs and a sticky secretion help hold the tick to the host. Ticks range in size from almost impossible to see with the naked eye, to ones the size of a human fingertip. The United States has about 200 tick species. They can survive—and thrive—in woods, beach grass, lawns, forests, and even urban areas. Ticks also aren't picky eaters; they feed on mammals, birds, and even other insects.

Removing a Tick From Your Dog

Using a pair of tweezers is the most common and effective way to remove a tick. But not just any tweezers will work. Most household tweezers have large, blunt tips. You should use fine-point tweezers, to avoid tearing the tick and spreading possible infections into the bite area.

Spread your dog's fur, then grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Very gently, pull straight upward, in a slow, steady motion. This will prevent the tick's mouth from breaking off and remaining embedded in the



MSCM Christmas Party



Saturday, December 6, 2025



Coral Gables Restaurant

2838 E. Grand River Avenue

East Lansing, MI

Ph. (517)337-1311

Dinner at 4 p.m.

Open Menu

Business Meeting to follow!

Guests are Welcome!!

Please RSVP by Google Group or E-mail/call
Karin Jaeger to let her know that you are coming.

Call/Text 517-775-2450

Directions: Take I-96 to Exit 110 (Okemos Rd.) Go North on Okemos Rd. to M-43 (Grand River Ave.) Businesses on that corner include: Bennigan's Restaurant, Marathon Gas Station, BP/Amoco Station. Turn Left on to M-43 (Grand River). After the bridge over the railroad tracks, there is a traffic light at Park Lake Rd. and another at Northwind Dr. (there's a Farmer Jack's on the southwest corner of the intersection). Coral Gables entrance is the 4th on the right following this light (after Tom's Party Store, a Hollywood Video & the new Oriental Market). If you get to the Brookfield Shell gas station, you've gone too far.

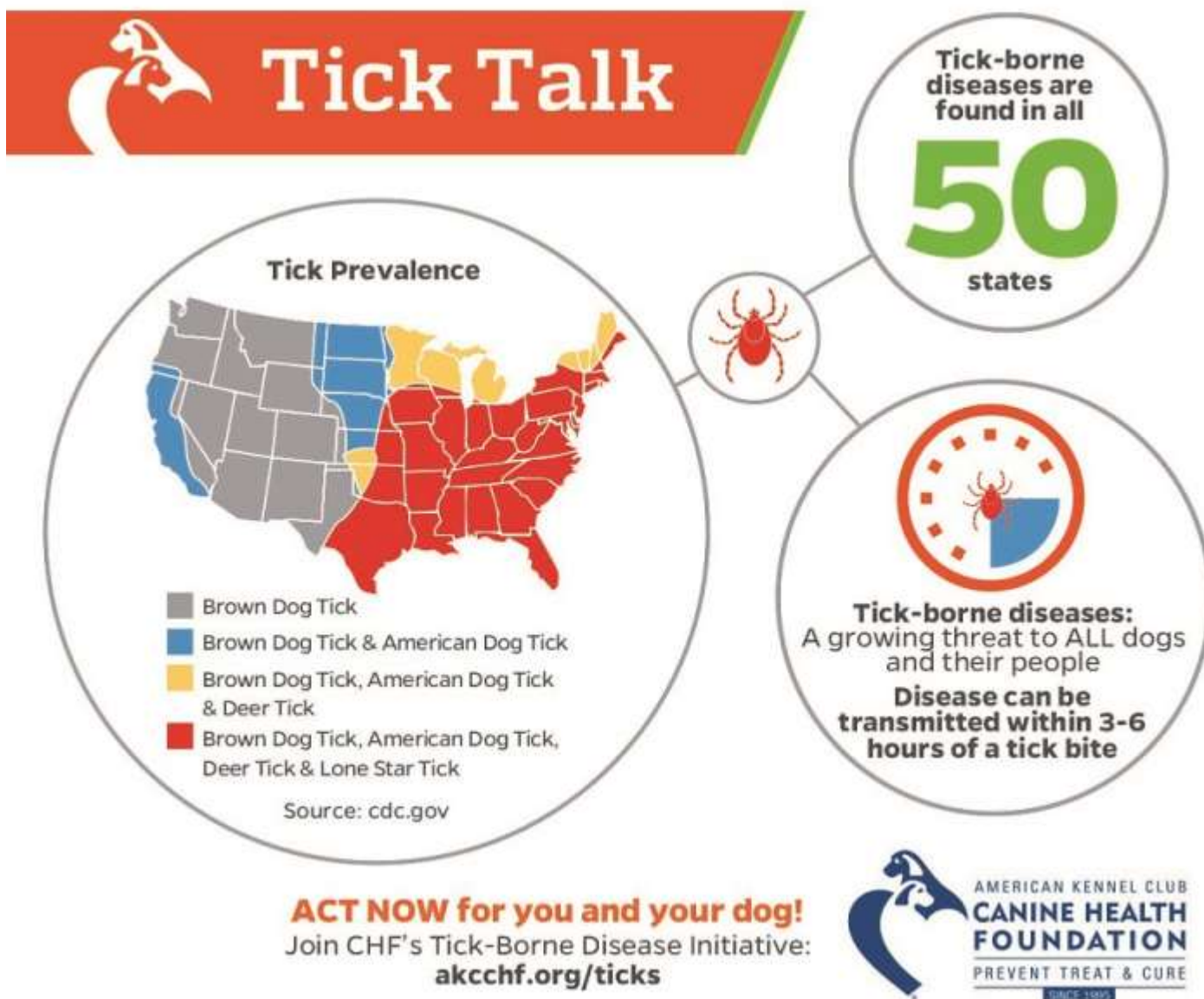
From the North: From Business 69 left onto Park Lake Rd. Right (East) onto M-43 (Grand River Ave.) Follow directions from there as detailed **above**.

skin. People often believe it's the head of the tick that embeds in the skin. But ticks don't have heads, in the conventional sense, so what gets inserted into your dog is known as "mouth parts."

Another option that is even easier to master is the use of a tick removal hook. It's especially useful if you live in a tick-dense area where your dog is frequently playing host to the vexing little critters. There are several types of hooks, like the Tick Tornado or the Tick Stick. You simply put the prongs on either side of the tick

Never remove a tick with your fingers—it's not only ineffective, but the squeezing may also further inject infectious material.

After you've removed the tick, make sure to wash your hands thoroughly, clean the bite site with rubbing alcohol, and rinse the tweezers or tool with disinfectant.



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Jan. 10-11 Rally
CDTC
Flint, MI

Feb. 7-8 Rally
FDGRC
Flint, MI

Feb. 5-8 BREED
OCKC & DKC
Novi, MI

Feb. 20-22 Rally/OB
Sportsmen's DTC
Warren, MI

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Jan. 2-4
CCDAC
Whitmore, Lake, MI

Jan. 8-11
Belgian Ter Club
Midland, MI

Jan. 17-19
OCKC
Lapeer, MI

Jan. 22-25
Weim Club
Lapeer, MI

Jan. 30-Feb. 1
CCDAC
Lapeer, MI

Jan. 30- Feb. 1
Grand Rapids AC
Cedar Springs, MI

Feb. 5-8
Various clubs
Midland, MI

Feb. 12-15
Various clubs
Midland, MI

Feb. 20-22
CCCAC
Lapeer, MI

Feb. 27-March 1
Sportsmen's DTC
Lapeer, MI



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