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## Tick Infestation and Control

**Facts About Tick Infestation:** Tick infestation is the presence and attachment of a tick, a blood-sucking parasite, on a warm-blooded creature. Unfortunately, more often than not, these warm-blooded hosts usually end up being our pets.

**Controlling Tick Infestation:** Because ticks reproduce so rapidly and remain a primary concern in disease transmission, it is extremely important to begin treatment as soon as you realize that there is a problem. **Treatment of the pet, house and yard must be carried out simultaneously for effective tick control.**

**Treatment for your pet(s):**

**PREVENTIC COLLARS** are used to treat ticks on dogs only.

**BRAVECTO (Prescription Only)** a chewable tablet given ONCE every 3 months to prevent fleas/ticks on **dogs**.

**FRONTLINE TRITAK** a convenient once a month one spot treatment for fleas & ticks on dogs and cats.

**REVOLUTION (Prescription Only)** topical treatment for preventing heartworms, and treatment of fleas and ticks on dogs and cats. **\*Specifically recommended for dogs with food allergies\***

We also offer a **Lyme Vaccine** that can be administered yearly to help prevent disease caused by ticks.

**Treatment for your house:** Ticks usually hide under furniture, in the carpet and in floor boards. Even if you don't see any, treating the house is still a very important step in breaking the tick life cycle. Change all linens, vacuum floors, carpets and furniture, and empty vacuum cleaner bags. These chemicals can be harmful to your pet, so an excellent time to treat your house is when your pet is here being bathed & de-ticked. **Mycodex Environmental Spray** should be used to spray inside your house. This aerosol spray kills adults and larvae for up to 4 months and should be used every other week for at least 3 treatments.

**Treatment for your yard:** Yard insecticides can be hazardous so you must keep your pet out of the yard for several hours after treatment or until dry. The yard should also be treated bi-weekly for at least 4 treatments. This can be accomplished by having an exterminator come to your home; or if cost is an issue, we have less expensive and effective products such as **Virbac Yardspray**. This is a garden hose adapter spray that treats 6000 sq. ft. and can be used on residential lawns and around residential premises. Treat every other week for at least 3 treatments.

**Remember! Strict Adherence to the ENTIRE Program is needed for success!**

### TICK CONTROL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15
HOUSE	X		X		X		X		X						
YARD	X		X		X		X		X						
PET	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						

*As Directed*