



Deer Tick



American Dog Tick



Lone Star Tick

(Enlarged for detail. See actual size picture below.)

It's Tick Season!

It is summer in Ohio! It is time to be outside and enjoy the weather and all the activities that come along with summer. However, it is also tick season! Ticks are blood-sucking insects that can stick to animals and humans. They can also carry diseases such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Symptoms of Lyme Disease:

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Fever
- Joint and Muscle aches
- Red rash (bull's-eye rash)

Symptoms of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever:

- Fever
- Headache
- Rash that usually starts on arms and legs

Prevention Tips:

- Use repellent that contains 20-30% DEET
- Wear long pants and sleeves in wooded areas and areas with tall grass
- Check yourself for ticks and remove them from your skin (pull straight out with tweezers)
- Take a shower within two hours of being outdoors (good time to check yourself and reduces the risk of Lyme disease)

Actual Sizes of Ticks

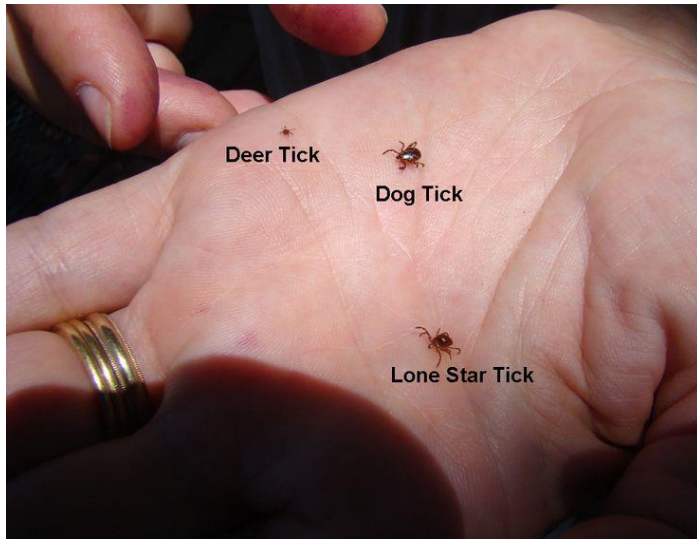


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If you think you have been bitten by a tick and are ill, contact your physician.

If you have more questions, check out these links:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/>

<http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/species-and-habitats/ticks-in-ohio>

<https://www.odh.ohio.gov/-/media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/bid/zdp/Animals/Ticks/tickbrochure.pdf?la=en>



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