



Tick Removal and Identification

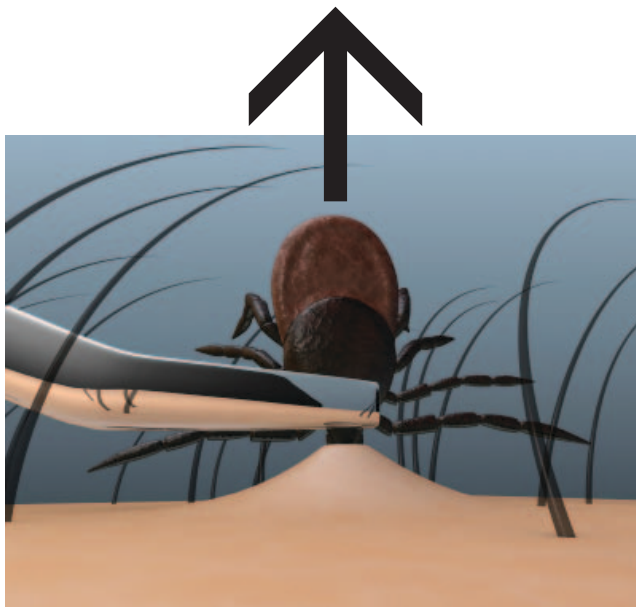
How To Remove a Tick

To remove a tick embedded in the skin:

- Use needle-nosed tweezers to carefully grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull slowly upward.
- Avoid twisting or crushing the tick.
- DO NOT try to burn or smother the tick.
- Clean the bite area with soap and water, alcohol or household antiseptic.
- If you are concerned about removing a tick by yourself, seek the help of your doctor; if the tick is on your pet, contact your local vet.

What to do with a tick once it is removed:

- Put the tick in a plastic bag or plastic container.
- Keep a piece of moistened paper towel in with the tick; this will prevent it from drying out.



***The tick does not
have to be alive!***

**NOT ALL
BLACKLEGGED TICKS
CARRY LYME DISEASE**

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