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# Pets and Ticks

Pets are extremely susceptible to tick bites and tick-borne diseases when they go outside. They also make great “vehicles” for ticks to access a home

## *Reducing the Risk of Transmission to pets*

* Check your pets daily for ticks, especially after being outside
* Remove any ticks immediately
* Watch for behavioral changes in your dog such as decreased appetite, limping and an increase in lethargy
* Ask your veterinarian to check for ticks at each exam
* Follow the steps to reducing ticks in your yard listed in the Resources for Community Wide Initiatives section of this toolkit
* Talk to your veterinarian about using tick preventatives, such as permethrin, on your pets
* If approved by a veterinarian use acaricides on dogs with caution
	+ Cats are very sensitive to chemicals so always consult a veterinarian about using tick repellents on cats

\*For more information: <http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/on_pets.html>

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# CDC Guides for Parents:

English:

**Lyme Disease Guide for Parents**

<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10_508_Lymedisease_Parent.pdf>

Spanish:

**Guía de la enfermedad de Lyme para los Padres**

<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10_508_Lymedisease_Parent_SPANISH.pdf>

Portuguese:

**Guia da doença de Lyme para Pais**

<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10_508_ChildrenLymedisease_BrazilianPortuguese_FACTSheet.pdf>



# CDC Guide for Pregnant Women

English:

**Lyme Disease and Pregnancy**

<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10_508_Lyme%20disease_PregnantWoman_FACTSheet.pdf>

Spanish:

 **Enfermedad de Lyme y el Embarazo**

<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10_508_Lyme%20disease_PregnantWoman_FACTSheet_SPANISH.pdf>

Portugese:

**Doença de Lyme e Gravidez**

<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10_508_Lymedisease_PregnantWoman_BrazilianPortuguese_FACTSheet.pdf>



# CDC Crossword Puzzle for Kids

* <http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/Final_LymeDiseaseCrossword_apr2010.pdf>
	+ This crossword puzzle contains brief information on what ticks are, where they live and how to find them on your body. It can be completed with kids while talking about Lyme disease and the preventative methods listed throughout this toolkit that the family can take to reduce tick bites in the home

