

**Tick Bite**



**1** Wear disposable gloves and get a pair of blunt-tipped tweezers



**2** Use the tweezers, grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Gently but firmly pull the entire tick off ensuring you have removed both the head (containing the mouthparts) and the body.



**3** Dispose of the tick by flushing it down the toilet or drop it in a bottle of rubbing alcohol



**4** Save the tick in a sealed plastic or glass container for identification by your vet in case the tick is poisonous



**5** Wash the tick bite area with a soap like Betadine cleanser and water or swab it with a Q-Tip and 3% hydrogen peroxide to remove any remaining tick parts



**6** Dab some Neosporin on the bite area



**7** Watch your cat, if you notice any limping, bruising, trouble moving, or other signs of illness take your cat to the vet immediately as she could have any number of diseases that are transmitted by ticks.



DO NOT use your finger to remove the tick



DO NOT wash it down the sink as it can grasp to the sides and crawl up the pipe



Be aware that some ticks transmit serious diseases to people such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme Disease



Don't worry if the ticks head stays buried in the flesh as it will be ejected or absorbed in a few days



Keep your pets on regular tick control products like Frontline if you live in an area where ticks are common



Perform regular tick searches on your pet especially after visiting parks and wooded areas.