

## Tick Bite



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



**2** Using 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** Or 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 dog, if you notice any limping, bruising, trouble moving or other sign of illness take your dog to the vet immediately as he could have any of a 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.



DO NOT worry if the ticks head stays buried in the flesh as it will be ejected or absorbed in a few days



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



To avoid ticks make sure your dog is using a topical treatment like Frontline