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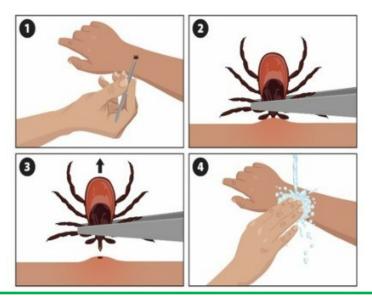
Bravecto for Dogs (Chews or Topical) provides 12 weeks of protection against the 4 most common ticks in our area—Black-legged tick (deer tick), Brown dog tick, American dog tick, and Asian Longhorn tick. It also provides 8 weeks of protection against the Lone Star tick. We strongly recommend **Bravecto** for all of our patients.

How to Remove a Tick

If you find a live tick walking around on your pet or yourself, you should put the tick into a zip-loc bag or other sealable container and then throw it in the trash. If you put a live tick in a garbage can it can crawl out. Wash your hands after touching any tick.

To remove an embedded tick, follow these directions from the Center For Disease Control (CDC).

- 1. Use clean tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible.
- 2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick as this can cause the tick's mouth parts to break off and remain in the skin.
- 3. If the tick 'breaks' and you cannot remove the mouth parts, leave it alone and let the skin heal.
- 4. Thoroughly clean the area with soap & water or alcohol.



Tick Spotters / **Tick Encounter** is a free online service provided by the University of Rhode Island. You can upload a picture of a tick and they will send you a tick identification report that includes a risk assessment for potential diseases carried by that particular species of tick.

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