



# How to Get Rid of Ticks **on Dogs** Without Harming Them

Your dogs are important. Don't sit back and allow them to be eaten alive by [ticks](#), do something about it.





# Main Ticks Affecting Dogs

There are a smorgasbord of ticks lurking around to feast on your dog's blood. However, there are 2 main species of ticks that are prone to invade your dog's personal space. These include the Brown Dog Tick and the Paralysis Tick. For a list of ticks that may affect your dogs, [here's a list we recommend](#).



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Here you'll find a few products recommended for preventing and getting rid of ticks. Depending on the history of your dog, you may want to choose one or a combination.



# Oral Medications

There are pills available for dogs, usually rendered once a month, that kills ticks and fleas alike. These oral medications are easily administered and there's no need to worry about your dog coming in close contact with your children.



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# Shampoos

Shampooing should be a regular aspect of a dog's existence, especially when highly active outdoors. Once your dogs have ticks, you can use medicated shampoos with the right ingredients to kill ticks. Though this method takes a lot of work to protect your animal, it's cost-effective. Especially during tick season, try to repeat shampooing at least every 2 weeks. ***Note: Shampooing does not linger as long as oral medications.***



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# Spot-on Treatments

A spot-on treatment is readily accessible from your veterinarian, favourite pet store, or online. Spot-on medications are very efficient, but be careful which medication is chosen. It's always shrewd to read labels.



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# Tick Dips

Dips are oft diluted in water and applied to the dog's fur, either with the aid of a sponge or by simply pouring over the animal. Nursing, pregnant pets, or pups (under 4 months) should not be treated with tick dips as the chemical is rather potent.



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# Tick Collars

If you want an option that repels ticks from latching on to your dogs, try tick collars. Once the tick collar contacts your dog's skin, it'll release the chemicals. While tick collars work as preventatives, they only protect the dog's neck and head. It's best to supplement this method with another. When applying the collar, ensure to leave enough room to prevent suffocation and discomfort. Since allergic reactions to collars aren't uncommon, ensure to maintain vigilance to spot any.



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# Tick Sprays

This is another dog medication that can be applied topically. While tick sprays kill ticks instantly, it also provides residual protection. If you're using shampoos and tick dips on your dogs, tick sprays can be utilized in-between.

Thinking about spending time outdoors or near wooded areas? Tick sprays are effective and immediate for this purpose. However, word of precaution, when using sprays, be careful how applied, and keep away from dog's face. Best practice includes keeping this product away from other animals in the home.



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# Tick Powders

Like tick sprays, tick powders are applied topically to the animal. Not only is this medication effective in killing ticks, but it also repels them. As a precautionary measure, be sure that the powder you're using is labelled for use on dogs. The age of your animal should also be specified. Tick powders can also be double-hitters, as some do kill fleas (ensure this is highlighted on the labeling).



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While you help to keep your dog safe, ensure to take care of you. As ticks do affect humans, exercise precaution to ensure they do not transfer from the dog and unto you.







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