



Warning!!! Tick poisoning is a real threat to dogs

On the east coast of Australia ticks are most active from August to April. They can range in size from a pin head to little finger nail size depending on how long they have been attached.

Dog owners are advised to check their dogs daily by using their finger tips to feel over every millimetre of the dog's body. Remember this includes inside ears, around eyelids, inside nostrils, around lip margins, around anus & vulva, between toes & around nail beds.

If you find a tick, remove it immediately & observe the dog closely for the next 36 hours.

If you notice any change in voice, vomiting or gagging, wobbly walking, cough or difficulty breathing, **get your dog to your vet ASAP. Tick paralysis can cause death.**

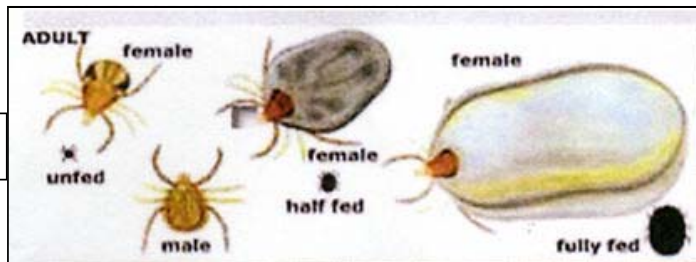
Some breeds are particularly sensitive to the effects of the neurotoxin that the ticks inject into the blood stream. These include Collie Roughs, Border Collies, Irish Setters & German Shepherds. Puppies are also very susceptible because they have a limited body mass & therefore are less able to deal with the tick poison circulating in their bloodstream.

There are a number of types of ticks. All can cause a dog to be sick but the Paralysis Tick is the one which is life threatening so **it is safest to presume every tick is lethal.**

The photos below show the development stages of the paralysis tick.

There are many medications available which help in preventing tick attachment but none are 100% effective. A daily examination with your hands is still the most effective method.

Paralysis Tick



Need a vet AFTER HOURS?

Ku-Ring-Gai Vet Hospital 9449 4111

290 Bobbin Head Road, Nth Turrumurra

Monday-Friday 7:30am – 9:00pm

Saturday 7:30am – 7:00pm

Sunday 9:00am – 6:00pm

Public Holidays 8:00am – 2:00pm

Northside 9452 2933

612 Warringah Rd, (Cnr Ferguson St) Forestville
Basically outside 9am-5pm weekdays + all weekend

Animal Critical Care 9888 9800

Cnr Delhi & Plessey Rds, North Ryde
Basically outside 9am-5pm weekdays + all weekend

Mobile Vet - Ian Petrie 0418 864 395

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