

# Pet Care NOTES



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## **LYME DISEASE IN DOGS**

Dogs love to play and roll around in the woods, which puts them in contact with deer ticks, the insects that most often spread Lyme Disease. A very common symptom of canine Lyme Disease is joint pain. Experts say that 90% of dogs with Lyme Disease are limping into the veterinarian's office when they arrive. The illness progresses very quickly, and a dog that was walking fine the day he got bitten by the tick may be unable to walk at all in just two or three days. Swelling in the affected leg is common, as well. Many dogs also get fevers. Antibiotics are very effective in treating canine Lyme Disease, and the veterinarian may recommend aspirin, or similar drug, for the pain.

The latest pest control products currently on the market make life easier for both you and your pet. If you need information about ridding your pet of ticks, fleas, and other harmful parasites, we invite you to call us. Our staff is dedicated to treating all the pets that come to us as if they were our own. We can provide you with complete medical, surgical (both laser and blade), and dental services, as well as preventive care including Lyme disease vaccination. Boarding is available. Visit our website for more information, to schedule an appointment, view your pet's records, request prescription refills, or for archived articles.

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