

# Lake Country Veterinary Care Newsletter



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Let's Talk About:

◆ Controlling Ticks

## Spring Is Coming

When you look for interesting information to put in a newsletter, the possibilities are endless! We found a very fascinating website [www.dogsandticks.com](http://www.dogsandticks.com). You can get instant information about the prevalence of tick borne diseases in our area from their maps. The numbers are staggering! Wisconsin is among 10 states that accounts for 93% of all Lyme disease cases reported nationwide. Not only ticks, heartworm disease in our specific area is still far from being under control. In Waukesha County alone there were 147 reported cases of heartworm disease, 34 cases of Ehrlichia, 363 cases of Lyme disease and 178 cases of Anaplasmosis. Keep in mind these are only the reported cases. WOW!

Ticks are usually active by the end of March and hang around until early November. The end of March will be here soon. They can become active when the ground temperatures are around 45 degrees. While I was checking things out, I did find out May is National Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

As with anything, you and your pet are better off with prevention or at the very least, early detection. These conditions are all treatable with antibiotics, except heartworm disease of course. One tip I found on a different site was to put good ol' duck tape on the bottoms of pant legs backwards with the sticky side out. The ticks will stick to it instead of walking up legs and if you find one elsewhere, stick it there until it can be properly disposed of. ("flushing not crushing" is the best way to get rid of them)

We do have products that will aid in controlling these parasites on your pets. If you have seen ticks on your pets, we strongly encourage you to try a topical product to help eliminate the chances of becoming one of these statistics.

If you do your shopping on line and would like to purchase **prescription** pet products, you do need to get a formal written prescription from us. We cannot fax prescriptions nor can we confirm prescriptions over the phone.

### ***We Appreciate Your Referrals!***

*A \$10 Credit will be added to your account for referring others to Lake Country Vet.  
Thank you for your support!*

### **We're Here to Help...**

As always, we are here to answer any specific questions you have. At your next appointment we can go over the different types of products we carry to determine which will work best for your pet's situation!

*Love me, love my dog.*

*- Latin saying*



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