

**A Tick Can
Make You Sick**

Follow Emily, Lucas, and Brownie
as they learn about Rocky
Mountain spotted fever (RMSF).





We'll learn about:

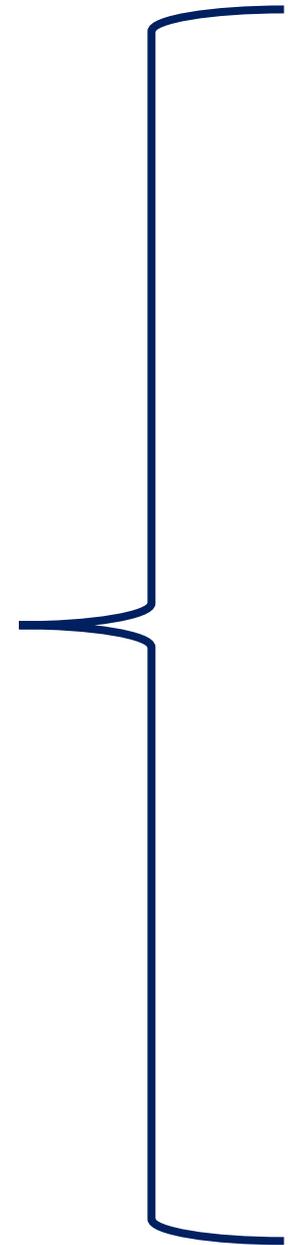
1. Ticks
2. Tick life
3. Rocky Mountain spotted fever
4. How to look for ticks
5. How to “kick ticks”



Become An RMSF Junior Scout!



Answer questions
along the way to
earn badges!

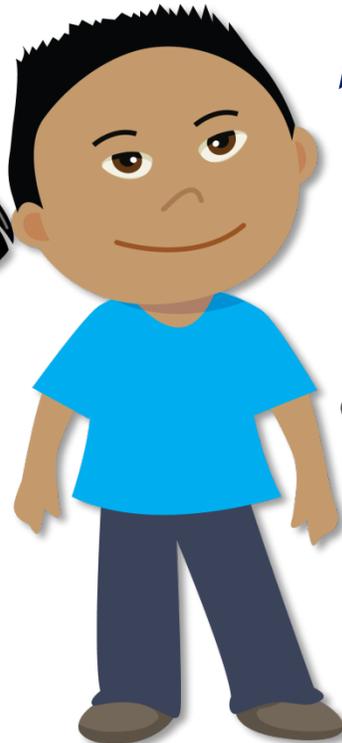


Badge 1: Ticks

Time to learn!

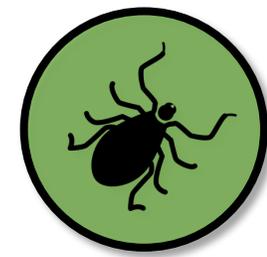


Let's start by learning about ticks!



Woof!





Which Picture Shows A Tick?

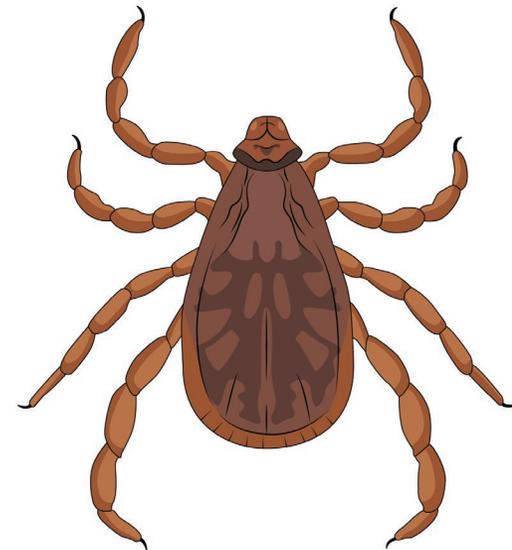




Ticks Are Bugs

Like spiders, ticks have 8 legs and no wings.

Ticks crawl or catch a ride on dogs and other animals to get around.





Ticks Grow

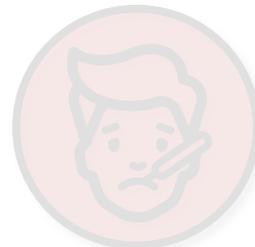
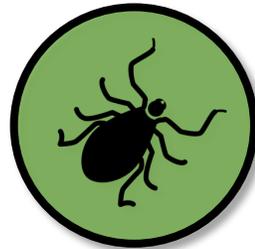


EGGS

**BABY
(LARVA)**

**TEENAGER
(NYMPH)**

ADULT



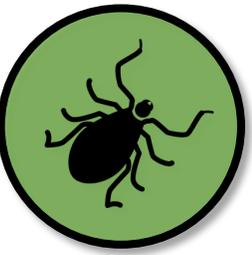


What Do Ticks Need To Grow?



Food and a place to live!

Ticks eat blood from animals and people.



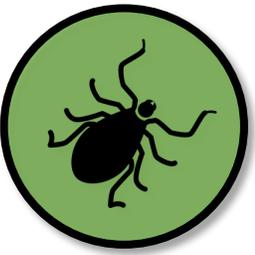


What Do Ticks Need To Grow?



In Arizona, the most common tick is the brown dog tick.

The brown dog tick prefers to feed on dogs.

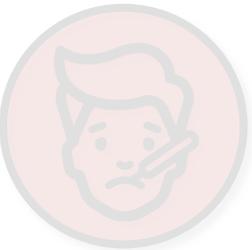
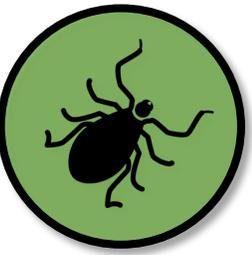


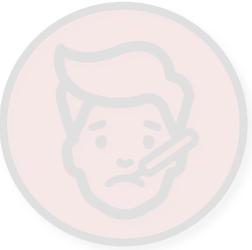
How Big Are Ticks?

Ticks are small!

Babies can look like just a dot made with a pencil.

Adults can get as big as a chocolate chip.

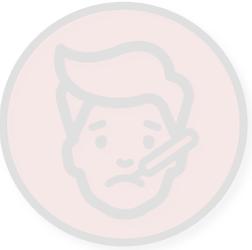
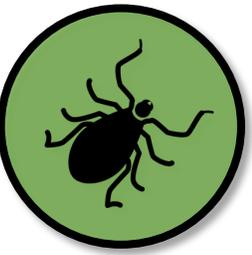




How many legs do
adult ticks have?



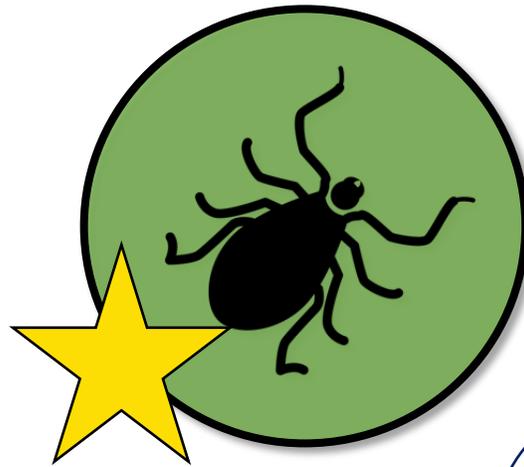
8 legs!



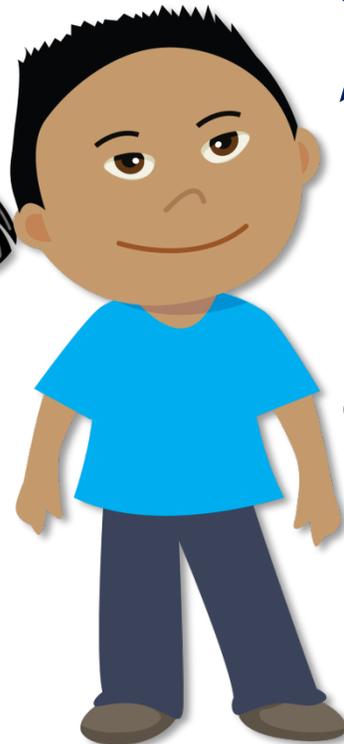
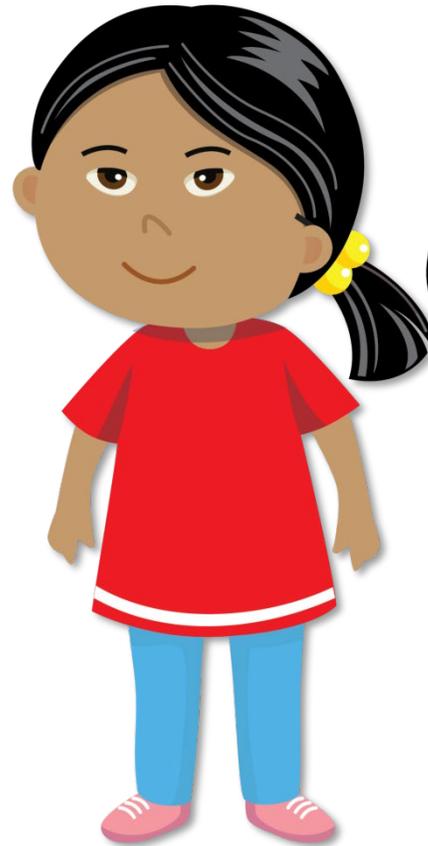
How do ticks
get around?



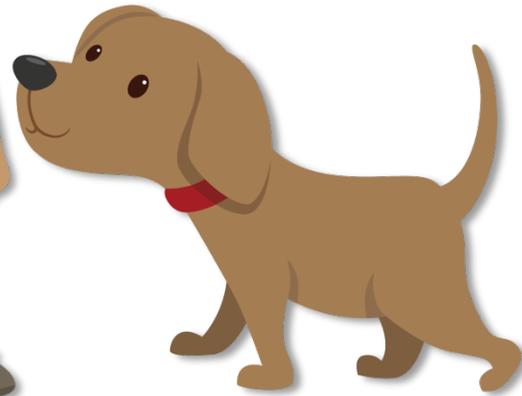
Crawl or catch a ride!



We got our first badge!



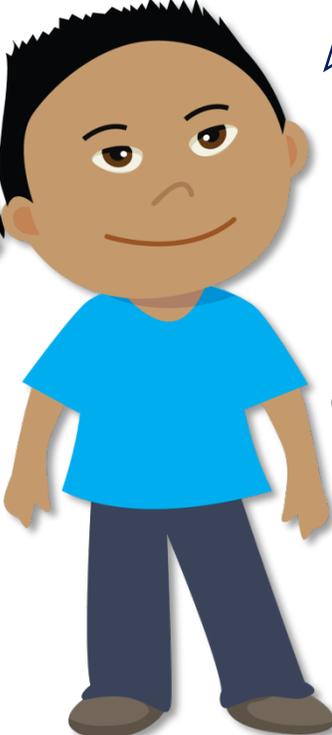
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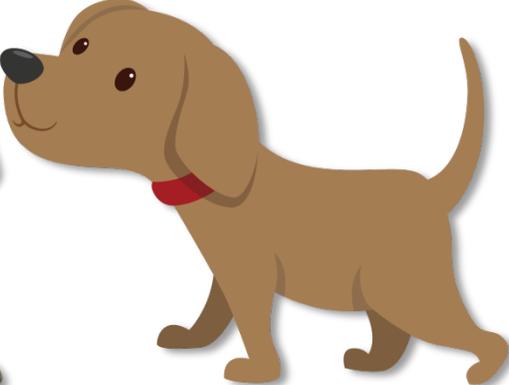


Badge 2: Tick Life

On to badge #2!



Let's find out how ticks live!



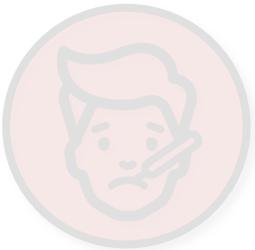
Ticks Like To Be Close To Their Food



Where dogs go, ticks can go too!

Ticks can be found:

- In cool, shady spots where dogs hang out
- Where dogs sleep
- Under porches or houses
- In your house!





Ticks Like To Hide

Ticks will hide in:

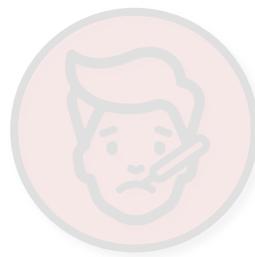
- Cracks and grooves, like those in cement or the sides of houses
- Furniture in the yard
- In or under old toys that have not been played with

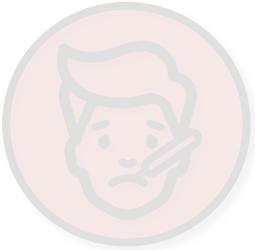




What is the brown dog tick's favorite food?

Dogs!
(But they will bite people, too!)





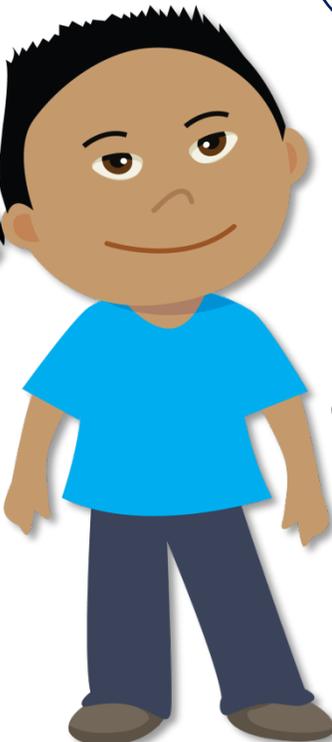
Where do brown dog ticks like to hide?



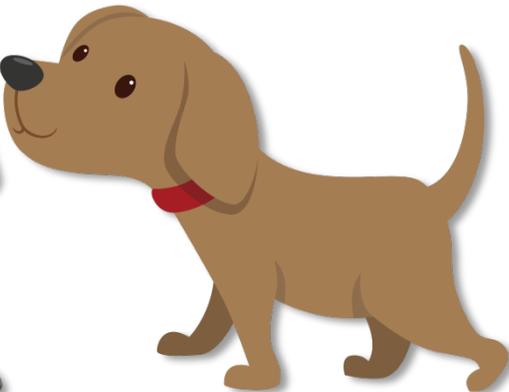
- Cracks and grooves around the house
- Furniture
- Stuff in your yard



Wow!



Two badges
down!



Badge 3: Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

Next up,
Badge 3!



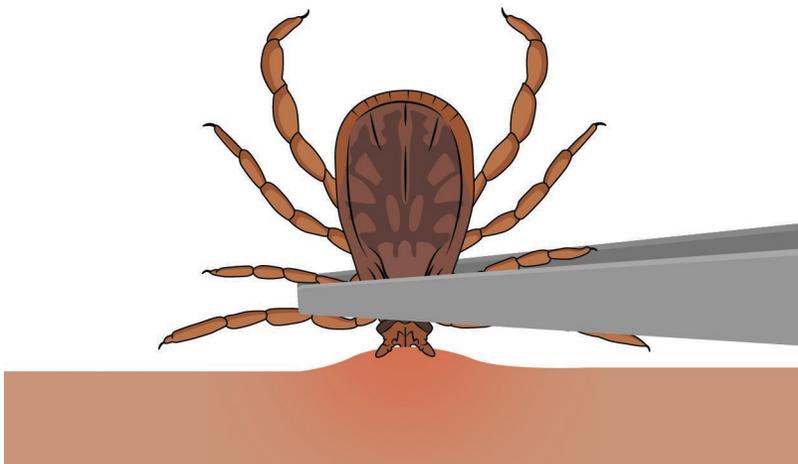
Let's learn
about RMSF!



You Can Get RMSF From A Tick Bite

The RMSF germ is found inside ticks.

When a tick bites, the germ can move from the tick into people or animals and make them sick.



You can't get RMSF from a dog!



How Do You Know If You Have RMSF?

You might feel sick and...

- Hot or have a fever
- Your may head hurt
- Tired
- Your stomach may hurt
- Sore all over





RMSF Rash



When you have RMSF, you might get a red blotchy rash on your arms and legs that spreads to the rest of your body.





What Should You Do If You Feel Sick?

Tell an adult! They can take you to a doctor.

The doctor will give you medicine to make you feel better.





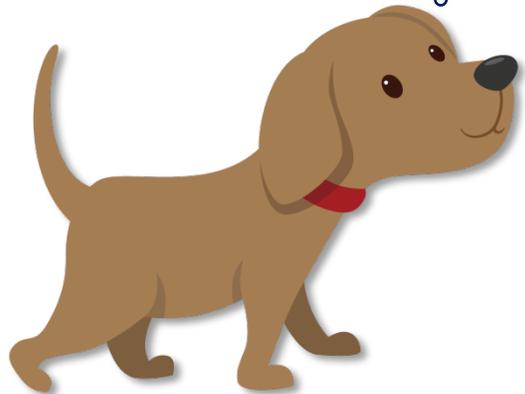
How do people and dogs get RMSF?

From a germ passed to people and dogs when they are bitten by a tick



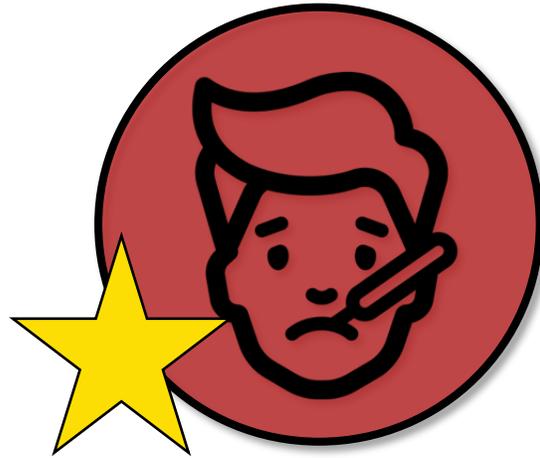


List 2 ways you might feel sick if you had RMSF.

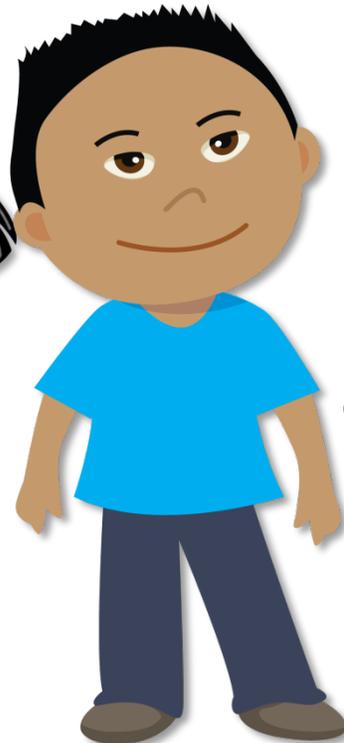
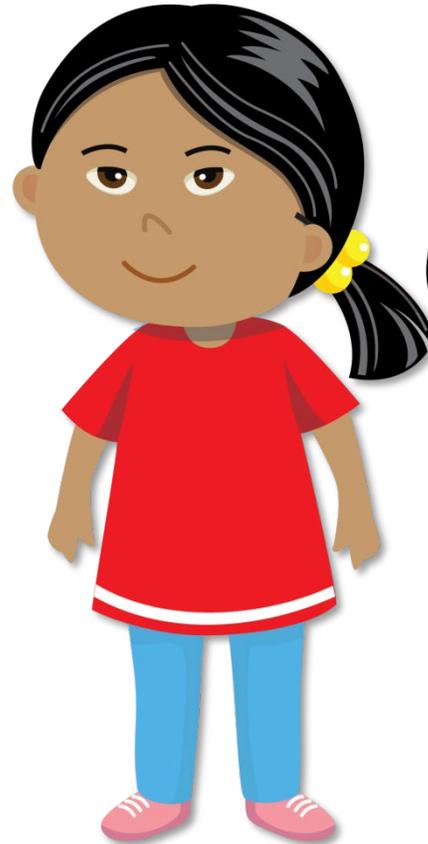


- Fever
- Headache
- Stomachache
- Tired
- Sore
- Rash





Badge #3
done!



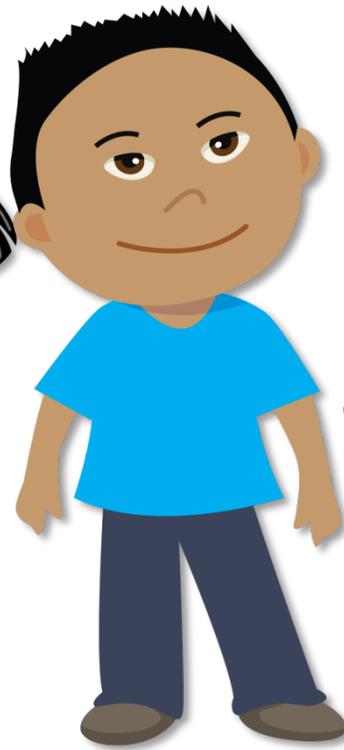
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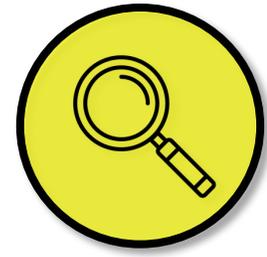


Badge 4: How To Look For Ticks

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Where do you think ticks hide?





Look For Ticks Around Your Home

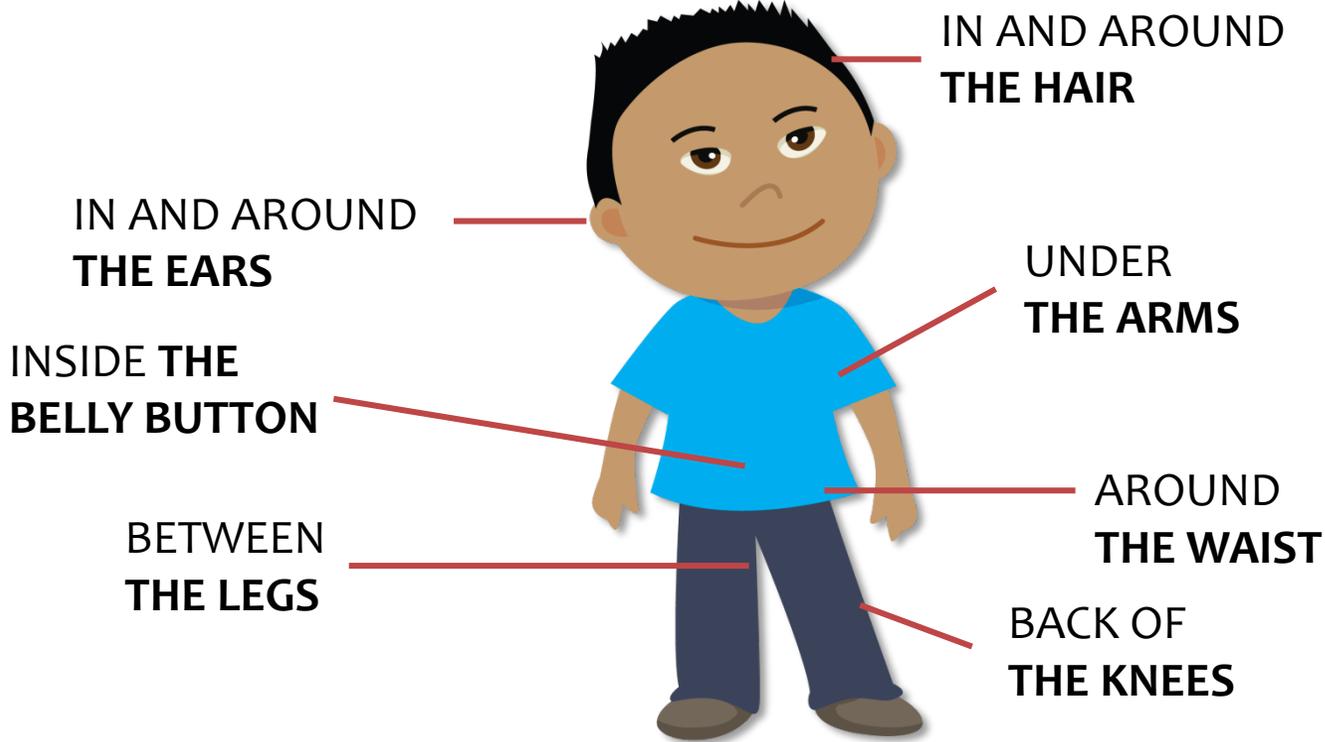
- ✓ On the porch
- ✓ In cracks and grooves in house siding and cement
- ✓ Wherever dogs hang out

If you see a tick around your home, tell an adult!





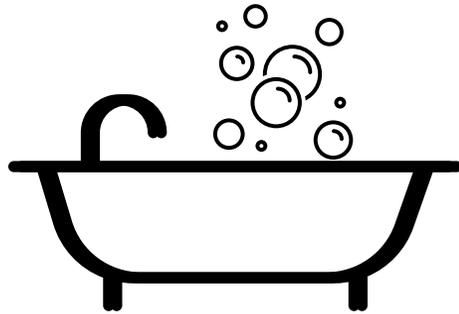
Look For Ticks On Your Body





When Should You Look For Ticks?

- ✓ After playing outside
- ✓ When you take a shower or bath
- ✓ When you change your clothes

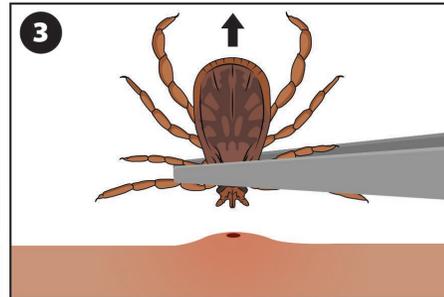
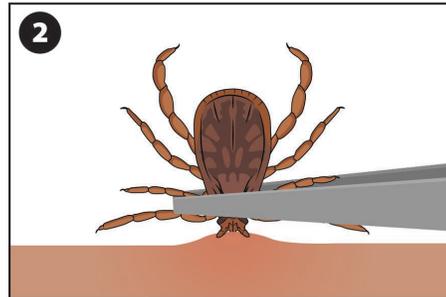
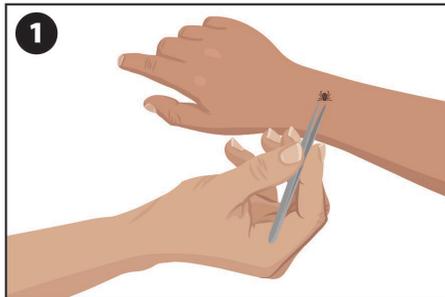




Tell An Adult If You Find A Tick

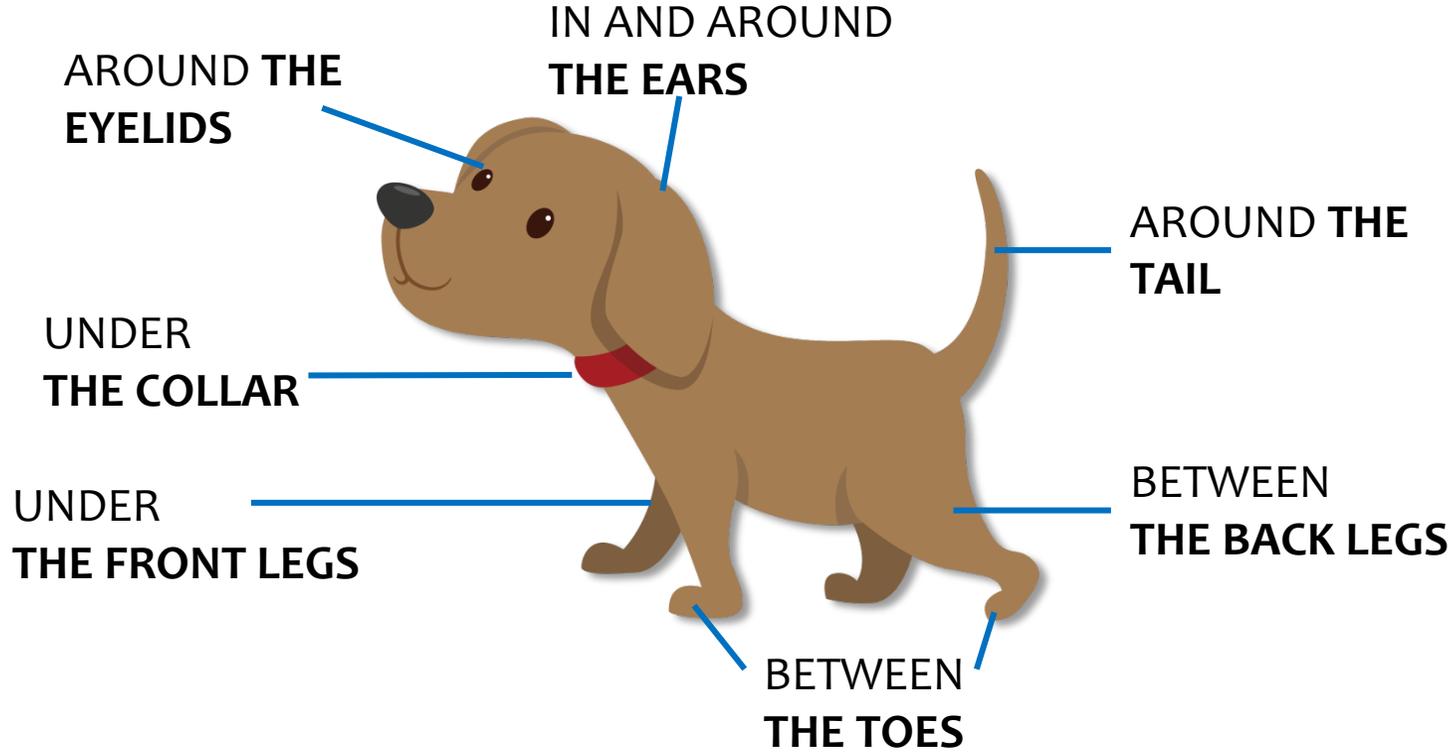
Ask For Help To Remove It

1. Remove ticks with tweezers when possible.
2. Adult will grab the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
3. Pull up with steady pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick.
4. Wash the bite area and your hands with soap and water after removing the tick.





Look For Ticks On Dogs





When should you check yourself for ticks?

1. After playing outside
2. When you shower or bathe
3. When you change your clothes





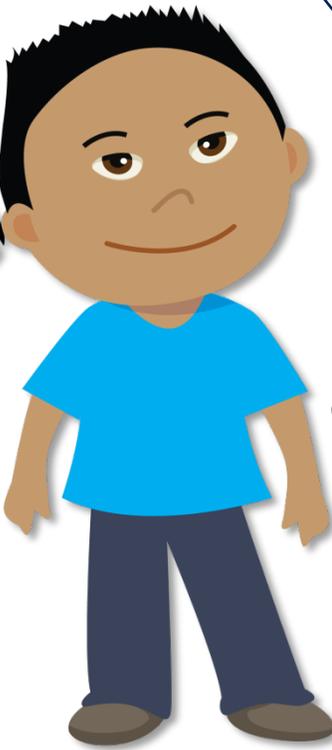
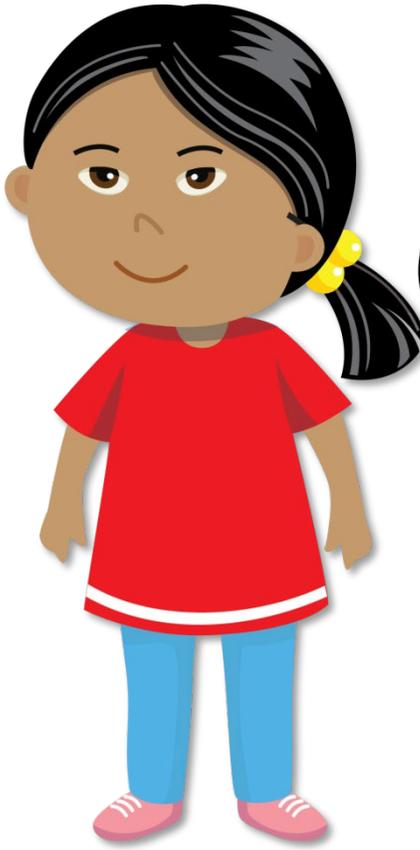
Where should you check yourself for ticks?

- Look around your:
- Hair and ears
 - Under your arms
 - Waist
 - Belly button
 - Between your legs
 - Behind your knees

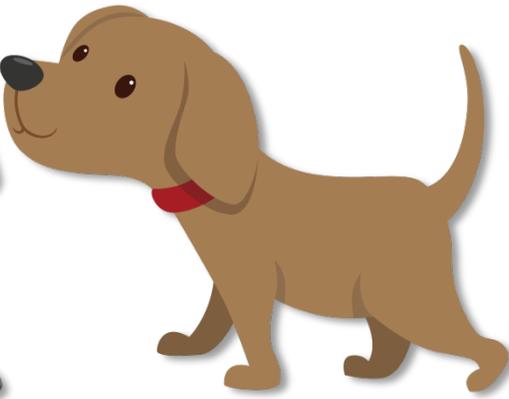




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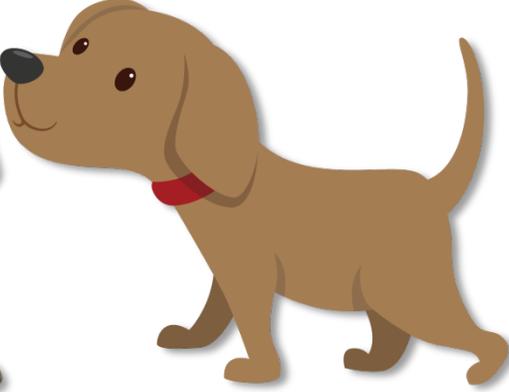
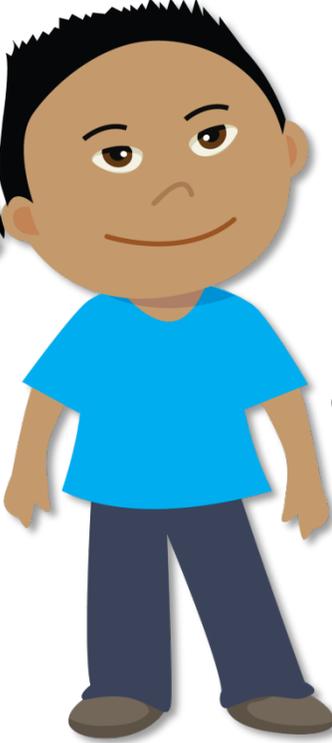
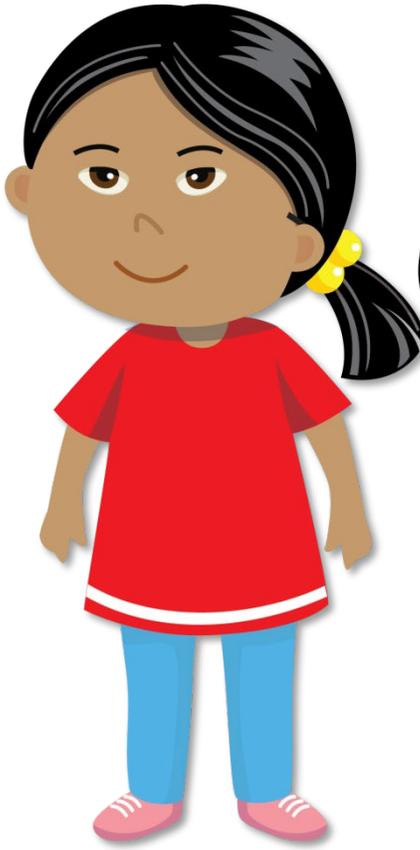
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What Can We Do To “Kick Ticks?”

Our last badge!



Let's find out how we can stay safe!





You Can Prevent RMSF!

Step 1: Look for ticks

- ✓ Check your body for ticks every day.
- ✓ Check your dog for ticks.
- ✓ Check your home for ticks.

Tell an adult if you find ticks.





You Can Prevent RMSF!

Step 2: Keep your home and yard clean

- ✓ Put away toys when they aren't in use.
- ✓ Throw garbage where it belongs.
- ✓ Talk to your family about where ticks live.





You Can Prevent RMSF!

Step 3: Take care of pets

- ✓ Give your pet food and fresh water every day.
- ✓ Remind an adult to treat dogs for ticks.





Adults Can Prevent RMSF Too!

Adults can:

- ✓ Treat dogs for ticks.
- ✓ Have your home treated with chemicals to kill ticks.
- ✓ Get rid of furniture in the yard.
- ✓ Keep dogs healthy.

Talk to your family about what they can do to prevent RMSF!





RMSF Prevention Is A Community Effort!

People in your community are working to protect you from RMSF!

[EDUCATOR- INSERT INFO/RESOURCES ON RMSF PREVENTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY]





What can you do to prevent ticks around your home?



1. Look for ticks
2. Keep your home and yard clean
3. Take care of pets

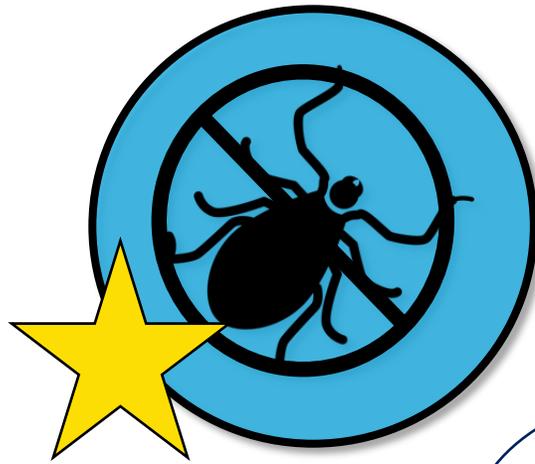




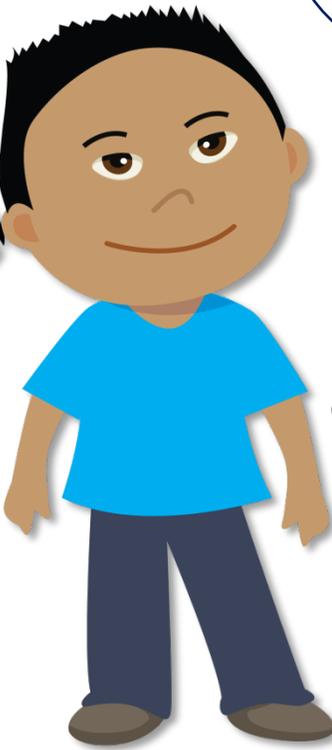
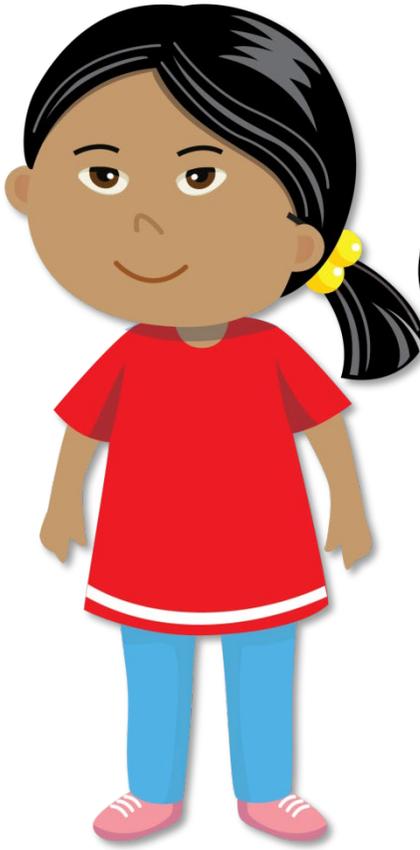
How does getting rid of ticks prevent RMSF?

Ticks can spread the RMSF germ by biting. If there are no ticks, they cannot spread the germ!



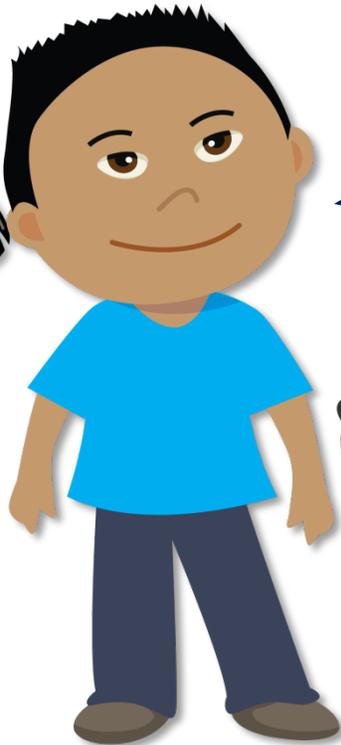
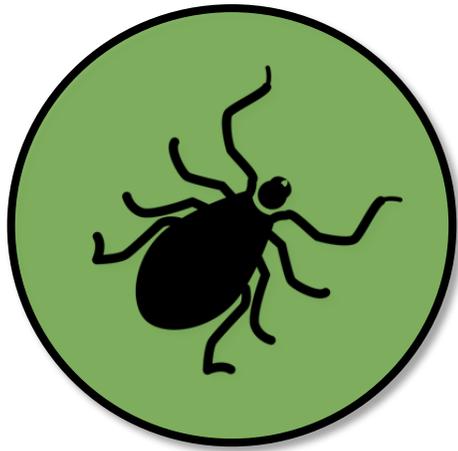


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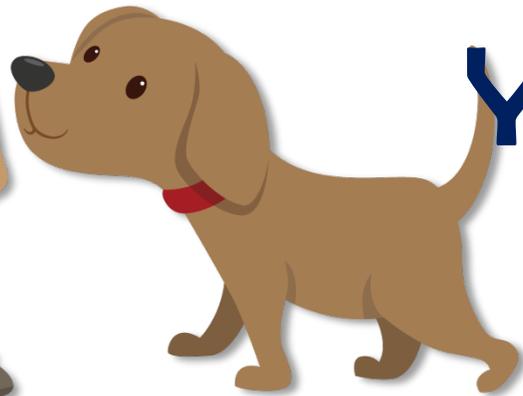


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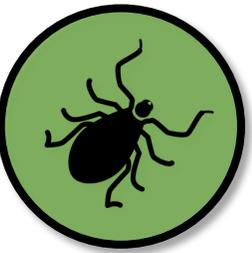


You did it!

**You are an RMSF
Junior Scout!**

One Tick Can Make You Sick!

- Ticks are bugs that eat the blood of animals and people.
- Ticks can live close to our homes.
- A tick bite can spread RMSF to you or your dog.
- Check for ticks after playing outside.
- Prevent RMSF by kicking ticks from dogs and homes!



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