

DANGEROUS INSECT

Deer Tick vs Dog Tick

What are the differences?



DEER TICK



Deer ticks have red-orange backs. They are smaller in size with a larger mouth piece. They are known to carry and transmit diseases.

DOG TICK



Dog ticks have a light brown back. They are larger in size with a smaller mouth piece and less likely to transmit diseases.

ACTIVE TIME

Deer ticks are commonly found in the Northeast US in wooded, grassy areas. They are most active from March through November.

Dog ticks are commonly found in the US in warmer climates in grass fields or forest areas. They are active from March until early November but, can actually live indoors, unlike other ticks.

DANGERS

Deer ticks mainly love deer and small rodents. They can carry many diseases, especially Lyme disease. They also are known for biting humans and transmitting disease.

Dog ticks aren't really harmful to humans disease-wise but if a dog has a disease and a tick bites it, then the dog bites a human, it can cause humans illness.

FIGHT BACK

When dealing with any kind of tick you always want to make sure you get rid of it within 24 hours. The longer it is stuck on you, the more you are at risk of getting a disease.

When out in nature, make sure to wear light-colored or white socks and shoes in order to see them.

Make sure to not expose too much skin when going through grassy areas - they can latch onto you and are hard to remove!

BITTEN?

Bring tweezers or a Tick Kit with you when you hike. You want to get as close as you can to where it is attached and pull very slowly. Don't want to leave behind the head or mouth parts. The head is very important!

After removal, wash the bite site clean with soap and water. If concerned about disease, make sure to contact a medical provider in order to do testing.

