

UPSIDE

TICKS AND FLEAS CAN
TURN MY WORLD



TALK TO MY VET ABOUT TASTY
TICK AND FLEA PROTECTION



REGULAR TICK AND FLEA PROTECTION
IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP ME HEALTHY
TASTY MONTHLY TABLETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THIS PRACTICE

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1. Lyme Disease: Signs and Symptoms, Public Health England, 2017.

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These tiny parasites hide in my fur and feed on my blood. They make me itch and can cause nasty diseases. So before we go for another walk outside, explore the great outdoors, or even go and play in the garden, I thought it would be a good idea to share a few things you should know about these cunning creatures.

MY WORLD JUST ISN'T THE SAME
WHEN I HAVE TICKS AND FLEAS

I WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT TICKS AND FLEAS

TO THINGS

DOWN

TERRIBLE TICKS



TICKS ARE DANGEROUS

The sheep tick is the most common species of tick in the UK – it spreads Lyme disease, a potentially serious **condition that now affects 3,000 Britons a year**¹.

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TICKS ARE SPREADING

Tick numbers are increasing across the UK due to changing weather patterns – our wetter summers and warmer winters are great conditions for tick survival.



TICKS ARE STRONG

Ticks insert their mouthparts into my skin and 'glue' them in, so **never twist a tick to remove it** in case it leaves its mouthparts behind.

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TICKS WORK HARD

Ticks sit on plants waving their front legs, **they grab me as I walk past**, attach to me and start feeding on my blood.



TICKS CAN TRAVEL ON ME

When I travel to southern Europe I could bring home a new tick to the UK – the **brown dog tick lives inside houses** and it can carry babesia disease that's potentially fatal for dogs like me.

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FLEAS ARE VISIBLE

If I'm infested and you look closely, **you'll see adult fleas crawling on my skin**, as well as black pellets of flea faeces in my fur, and maybe even tiny white flea eggs.



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FLEAS ACT FAST

Females can lay eggs on me 24-36 hours after a blood meal and will lay around 2,000 in their lifetime, so **it's important to kill fleas before they start laying eggs**.

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FLEAS USE ME TO SPREAD INFESTATIONS

Adult fleas produce eggs, which fall off me and hatch into maggot-like larvae that feed on flea faeces on the **sofa, bed, carpet, car** – anywhere I go.

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FLEAS HOLD THEIR GROUND

Fleas don't search for new hosts once they have one, so **if a flea lands on me – it plans to stay!**

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FLEAS ARE SNEAKY

They sit and wait until a shadow blocks their light, then **they know to jump onto a new host, like me**.

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FRIGHTENING FLEAS