

## DOGS ARE THE RESERVOIR

Keep dog numbers down!

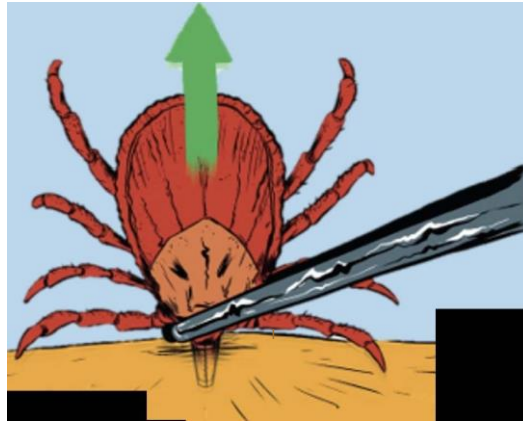
- Spay and neuter your pet
- Don't let dogs roam
- Discourage wandering dogs from coming into your yard

Consult your veterinarian for safe and effective medications to eradicate ticks on your dogs.



**For more information, visit:**  
[pacvec.us/ticks](https://pacvec.us/ticks)

## A BROWN DOG TICK BITE CAN TRANSMIT RMSF!



## HOW TO REMOVE A TICK

1. Use tweezers to grasp tick close to your skin
2. Gently pull straight up
3. Discard tick- DO NOT crush it between fingers
4. Wash the bite with soap and hot water, or disinfect the area with rubbing alcohol

Protecting yourself and your family from

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER



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## TICKS CAN BE PREVENTED



### CHECK

yourself and your family for ticks



### DISCARD

tick by wrapping in plastic & throwing away



### APPLY

a tick collar or topical treatment on pets



### REDUCE

clutter around your home



### WEAR

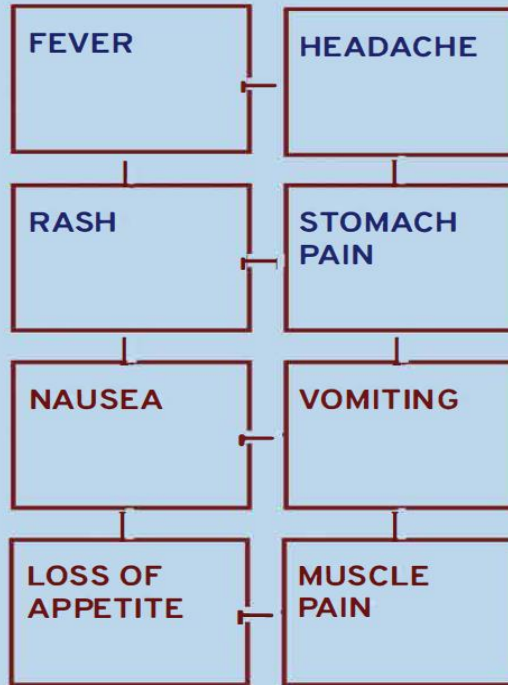
long pants & sleeves & apply tick repellents when outside



### APPLY

outdoor pesticide around home if you see ticks

## IF YOU HAVE...



## SEE YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY

RMSF can be **DEADLY** if left untreated, but is easily treated with antibiotics.



- You **CAN** prevent tick bites
- You **CANNOT** get RMSF from your dog
- You **CANNOT** get RMSF from another person

Brown dog ticks live around the home and lay eggs in cracks and crevices

## PREVENT TICKS:



Reducing tick breeding sites **inside and outside your home** is a great way to **reduce ticks** in your area. It stops female ticks from finding spots to lay thousands of eggs.

1. Discard old furniture, mattresses, & trash
2. Remove tall grasses, brush, & leaf litter around home
3. Stack wood neatly away from the home
4. Discourage unwelcome animals from entering your yard