



Natural Help for...

Pet Lyme Disease



What is Lyme Disease?

Lyme disease, or Borreliosis, is a bacterial infection transmitted by the bite of a deer tick (blacklegged tick, or bear tick). Dogs are especially susceptible to this disease, while cats are less likely to contract this disease due to constant grooming. This bacterial infection can **affect one animal differently to the next**. Lyme disease can also affect humans.

Lyme disease was only identified in 1975 when children in the town of Lyme, Connecticut were suffering with symptoms commonly experienced with rheumatoid arthritis. After further research, they were **diagnosed with a new condition**; the tick-borne illness – Lyme disease.

What Causes Lyme Disease?

The bacterial agent responsible to Lyme disease is the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*. This disease is found in most countries around the world and **transmitted by ticks** – small blood-sucking invertebrates. Ticks have a three stage life-cycle (larvae, nymph and adult).

During the nymph stage, Lyme disease transmission is most likely. The **nymph tick embeds itself into your dog's skin** for several days before causing symptoms of Lyme disease. The nymph tick is so small (pin-head size) that they are often over-looked by pet owners.

Diagnosing Lyme Disease

Lyme disease can be a debilitating condition for dogs, so if your animal shows signs of Lyme disease, it is very important to **act quickly and get your dog to the vet** for a check up. Your vet will inspect your animal for ticks visible to the naked eye and blood tests may be performed to check for the bacteria in the blood.

Help for Lyme Disease

Both animals and humans are generally prescribed amoxicillin or doxycycline for the treatment of Lyme disease (to kill the spirochete). For more advanced cases, Tetracycline or penicillin is also used. Vaccines are available for both pets and humans, although their use is still fairly new.

Natural remedies

There are natural herbal and homeopathic remedies available to compliment

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conventional treatments for Lyme disease. These natural remedies **can be used as an adjunct to the antibiotics**, under the supervision of your vet.

Silybum marianus is regarded as an important liver tonic and restorative (this would have a direct impact on overall systemic health as the **liver is one of the most important organs in the body** and is often affected by Lyme disease). Crotalus hor, China and Aconite can be beneficial when there is a breakdown of red blood cells, fever and exhaustion and fluid loss. These homeopathic remedies are also well-suited to pets who develop a sudden illness of acute nature.

Tips to Reduce the Risk of Lyme disease

Preventing tick bites is the best way to prevent Lyme disease.

- When walking your pet: avoid long grass, wooded areas or leafy debris
- Protect yourself when you go outside and if you walk through long grasses – wear long pants and sleeves, and tuck pantlegs into socks
- Check your pet for ticks and comb through your pet's hair thoroughly
- If you see a tick on your pet, remove it immediately (see below)
- Consult your veterinarian about tick-killing pesticides or tick collars (however some animals are allergic to the chemicals they contain)
- If you find several ticks on your dog, discuss an insecticidal bath with your veterinarian
- Disinfect your pet's food and water bowls as well as sleeping environment regularly
- Never use the same tick products for your dog as you would for your cat
- Update your pet's vaccinations regularly

Note: if your pet is carrying an infected tick (that has not yet attached itself to your pet), it may brush off onto you and bite you – putting you at risk for infection.

Tips to Remove a Tick

- Grasp the tick as close to the head as possible with tweezers
- Pull it straight out in one slow, fluid movement
- Dispose by drowning in alcohol

The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox medicine.

Because most of us in the Western world have grown up in a society in which allopathic medicine is the prevailing norm, we forget that, only a few decades ago, homeopathic, herbal and other natural medicines were commonly available – and freely used even by conventional doctors and veterinarians. While there are often heated debates about which system of medicine is 'better' than the other, many responsible doctors and vets (whether they are allopathic or not) recognize that



Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist



All of our natural remedies are formulated by our expert team of herbalists, naturopaths and homeopaths, and headed by Michele Carelse.

Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies for both people and pets. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

both have a role to play in the treatment program.

Just like humans, domesticated animals like dogs and cats are affected by the health hazards of modern living. Pollution, poor nutrition, stress and unhealthy lifestyles can lead to a variety of illnesses and conditions that are very similar to those experienced by humans. In fact, many, if not most pet health concerns can be addressed by helping your pets to live a healthier lifestyle. While it has its place, conventional medicine for animals and 'modern technology' have failed our pets in many ways.

According to pet expert and author CJ Puotinen, most holistic veterinarians and animal health care professions list annual vaccinations and commercial pet foods as the major contributory cause in the rising rates of chronic illness in pets today. Similarly, Juliette de Bairacli Levy, respected author and renowned animal breeder, points out that contrary to the belief that mass vaccination and antibiotic use will contribute to a decrease in disease, the opposite has in fact proved true. Like their human counterparts, today's pets are becoming more and more vulnerable to chronic disease and ill health. This has led many veterinarians to search for alternatives and to espouse more holistic methods of keeping our pets healthy.

"In the wild, animals instinctively seek out healing herbs to help them when they are ill or undernourished. In fact, Asclepius, the ancient Greek god of medicine, respected dogs very highly for their ability to seek out and eat medicinal herbs in the wild. This ability is shared by other animals, including cats. We are coming to realize that nature often has the answers - but animals have always known this! Natural medicine can help your pet just as it can help you. While there is always a place for conventional veterinary medicine, natural medicine can compliment conventional veterinary care and in many cases do just as well. I have applied the same care and research that have gone into our Native Remedies range for adults and children to the development of pet-friendly, safe and effective natural remedies for animals. As always, all remedies are formulated to the highest therapeutic standards and manufactured under strict pharmaceutical conditions for your peace of mind and the well being of your pets. " Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist.

"When a veterinary surgeon practices the use of homeopathic medicine and is asked why he does so, he may give one of several answers. The simple answer would be that the results are good, an emphatic answer would be that homeopathic treatment has no unpleasant or dangerous side effects, while still achieving successful results.

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Dr. Glenn Ferguson
M-Tech Homeopathy, Doctor of Chinese Medicine

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