

Tick Identification and Submission Form For Veterinarians (2019)



Important: This form is to be used by veterinary practices for identification/testing of tick species. Tick identification/testing will be conducted by the University of Kentucky and reported by the Kentucky Department for Public Health. This service is only for surveillance purposes, NOT for diagnostic purposes.

Please provide the following information regarding your tick submission.

Name of veterinary practice	Name of veterinarian	Vet office phone number
Date of collection	Name of animal with tick	Animal species
		Age
		Sex
		Breed
Home county of animal	Home zip code of animal	County where tick was found on animal

Has this animal traveled outside of its home county in the past two weeks?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Travel Start Date	Travel End Date	City, County and State of Travel	

Is this animal on tick prevention? Yes Don't know No Started at visit

If yes, specify: _____

Comments: _____

Please enter a specific ID to you for distribution of results
(example: name/date): _____

(For UK/State health office use only)

Species	ID number	Desiccated/ Damaged?	Engorged	# of females	# of males	# of nymphs	# of larvae	Total

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Submission Instructions

1. Place tick in a water-tight container (e.g. zip-lock bag) with a paper towel or cotton ball doused with alcohol to prevent desiccation. An alcohol pad will also suffice.
2. Make sure that the container/zip-lock bag is sealed to prevent leakage.
3. If a lot of ticks are removed from a single animal host, please consider shipping specimens to us in multiple envelopes/containers to prevent specimen damage and leakage.
4. Fill out specimen submission form (above) for each submission and attach with specimen(s).
5. Cut and keep these instructions.
6. Package specimen(s) and the submission form(s) well to avoid damage during shipment.
7. Use envelopes for specimens that are shipped in zip-lock bags. For specimens shipped in larger containers, please mail them to:

Program Tick Surveillance
C/O Dr. S. Reddy Palli
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S-225 Ag Science Center N
Lexington, KY, 40546-0091

Thank you for your submission.

For more information about tickborne disease surveillance in Kentucky please contact the Reportable Disease Program at (502) 564-3261 ext. 4270 or tori.amburgey@ky.gov. Additional information about ticks and tickborne disease can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html>.