Tick Identification and Testing Submission Form

Instructions

TICK MUST BE DEAD BEFORE SHIPPING

1. Place the tick into a small plastic or metal container (an empty pill bottle is ideal). Close tightly and freeze the tick for at least 24 hours to kill it.

2. Put the container holding the tick into a sealed plastic bag.

3. Place the bag into a padded envelope for mailing. Do not use a standard business envelope.

4. Complete this form and mail it with your tick to:

Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine
134 Magruder Hall
Corvallis, OR 97331-8555

Note: The submitter must pay the shipping cost.

Remove a Tick Promptly and Properly

Grasp the tick at the level of the skin with tweezers.

Gently pull straight up to remove the tick. Disinfect the bite site.

Date the tick was collected: _____/_____/_____

Tick Submitted by: ______________________ Phone: ______________________

Email: ______________________ Address: ______________________

City/State ________________ Zip Code ________________

Note: The submitter will be notified via email of tick identification and test results.

Description of where the tick was most likely acquired such as address, town, wilderness area, or GPS coordinates. Include county.

Activity when tick was acquired:

☐ Hiking  ☐ Dog Walking  ☐ Gardening
☐ Other ______________________

Tick was found on:

☐ Human  ☐ Dog  ☐ Cat
☐ Other ______________________

Was the tick attached?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If tick was found on a person, what was their age and gender?

Age ________ Gender ______________________

Have you traveled outside of Oregon in the past two weeks?

☐ No  ☐ Yes, where? ______________________

More Information

Tick identification and testing is available through the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Lab at Oregon State University. Identifying the tick species may help a healthcare provider diagnose an illness that could be associated with a tick bite. If a fever, rash, or flu-like illness occurs within a month of a bite, contact your healthcare provider. Let them know you were bitten by a tick and that you submitted the tick for identification.

Once received, all tick submissions become property of the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and will not be returned to the submitter. For questions about this submission form, contact us at 541-737-3261

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Date Received / Rec'd by: ______________________

Shipping:  ____Courier  ____Hand Delivered
  ____FedEx  ____US Mail  ____UPS: PP  Next 2nd

Condition:  ____No ID  ____Leaking  ____Other

Tick Local ID Number: ______________________

Identified as: ______________________ Date/Initials

☐ ♂  ☐ ♀  ☐ Nymph  ☐ Larva

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