

Tick Prevention

As the warm weather approaches, we head out to play with our pets, and so do the ticks. Ticks can be found anywhere in the state, but are most plentiful in the mountain areas and in heavy brush and weeded areas.

Ticks can carry multiple diseases that can make your dog ill, including: Ehrlichia, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Lyme's disease, Anaplasma and Babesia. The best way to keep your dog protected from these diseases is to prevent the tick bites in the first place. There are multiple products available to do this, including collars and "spot-on" treatments. As a second defense, always examine your dogs' coat and skin after returning from a potentially tick-infected area.

Currently, Intermountain Pet Hospital carries the **Preven-tic** collar*, which you can receive for free when you purchase **Revolution** heartworm/intestinal parasite preventative. One **Preven-tic** collar lasts 3 months. Other products include **Advantix** (for tick and mosquito prevention), and **Frontline**. All of these products will be available from our online store later this month when it is completed and available to customers.

*Other "flea & tick" collars sold over-the-counter do not provide the same level of protection and are not as reliable as the tick prevention products listed above.