

TICK DISEASE

Ticks carry a deadly disease called **Ehrlichia** or "**Tick Disease**", which is the number one cause of death for dogs in the CNMI.

It only takes 1 tick to infect a dog, and mother dogs can pass the disease to their babies in the womb.

SYMPTOMS OF TICK DISEASE

COMMON SYMPTOMS

Not eating or eating less than normal

Lethargy or tiredness

Pale gums

Vomiting and diarrhea

LESS COMMON SYMPTOMS

Weakness in the dog's back legs or inability to stand up

Bleeding from nose or other orifices

Difficulty breathing

BE VIGILANT

- A dog can be infected with the tick disease bacteria and not show any symptoms. The disease can remain dormant for months or years, even if a dog had been taking Bravecto.
- The onset of symptoms can be very sudden or can take a few days. It is usually brought on by a stressful event which lowers the dogs immune system.
- Tick disease makes dogs feel like they are going to throw up, so usually the first symptom is losing interest in food.
- Purebred dogs and pitbulls are more susceptible to tick disease.

TREATMENT

Tick Disease is caused by a **bacteria** in your dog's blood, so it is treated with antibiotics. It is important that the antibiotic pills are taken every day with food until they are all gone. Treatment usually takes 21-30 days.

Only use antibiotics as directed.