



## PROTECT YOUR PETS FROM FLEAS, TICKS AND HEARTWORM DISEASE!

CONSULT WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN ABOUT FLEA, TICK AND HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVES TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS SUMMER!

### FLEAS & TICKS

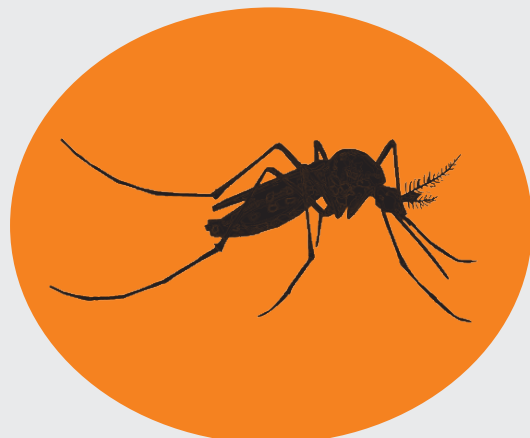
#### More About Fleas:

- Fleas are the most common parasite found on pets
- Fleas bite and feed by drinking your pet's blood
- A single flea bite can cause itching and severe allergic reactions in pets
- Animals living indoors can still get fleas
- Fleas can also jump on humans and feed
- Fleas are also host to other parasite your pets can get like tapeworms

#### More About Ticks:

- Ticks attach to their hosts and feed off their blood
- Tick-borne diseases are spread through the tick's saliva that can transmit the disease in the body and bloodstream.
- Tick-borne diseases in animals and humans include:
  - Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
  - Lyme Disease

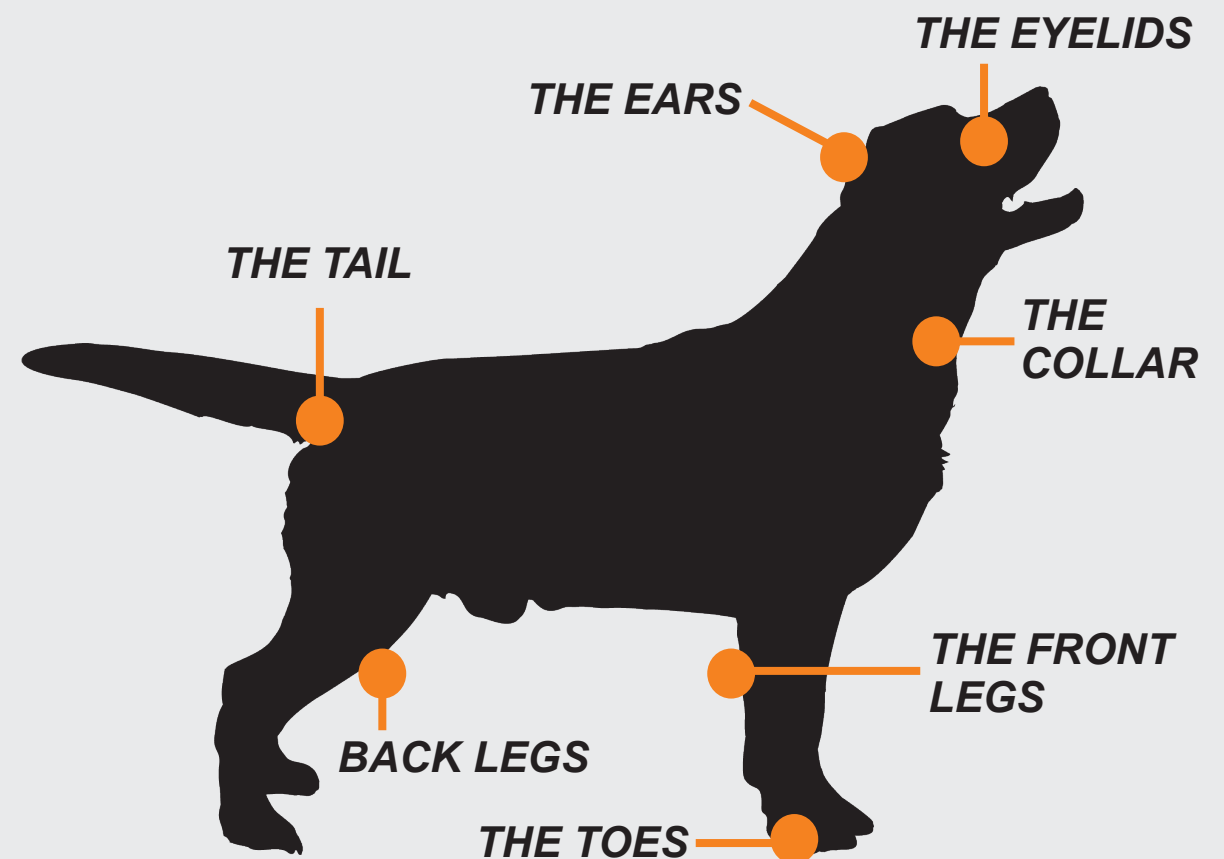
**Did you know, Adult Heartworms grow over 12 inches long!?**



**It only takes one bite from an infected mosquito to spread the potentially deadly Heartworm Disease to your pet!**

For more information, visit [ocpetinfo.com](http://ocpetinfo.com)

To learn more about mosquitoes in Orange County, visit <https://www.ocvector.org>



**WHERE SHOULD YOU CHECK YOUR PET FOR TICKS?**

### HEARTWORM DISEASE

#### More About Heartworms:

- Heartworms are spread by mosquitoes
- Heartworms can infect the heart, liver and lungs if untreated
- Damage from Heartworm Disease in animals include:
  - Liver Failure with Jaundice
  - Obstruction of blood flow causing vessels to block and can interfere with blood flow to the heart
  - Anemia
  - Lung damage
  - Death
- Most Heartworm preventatives also protect against intestinal worms

#### Prevent Mosquito Bites by:

- Eliminate mosquito breeding sources on your property by dumping sitting water and draining containers filled with water weekly
- Clean pet bowls and bird baths weekly