

## About Ticks

### TOP TEN TICK FACTS

- Ticks are most abundant from April to October (although bites can occur year round) and are most prevalent in rural locations such as forests, woods and grassland, but can be active in urban parklands and gardens.
- Ticks are arachnids which are closely related to spiders and can be as small as a poppy seed.
- Ticks bite animals and humans to feed on blood they need to stay alive.
- Tick saliva contains an anaesthetic which means you don't feel the bite.
- Some ticks can live up to a year without a meal.
- Ticks don't fly or jump. Instead, they drop from low vegetation or climb on as an animal or person brushes by the plants they are resting on.
- Ticks like warm places on the body like the groin, armpits and scalp. The back of the knee, waist and buttocks are also favourite blood-sucking spots.
- A female tick can lay up to 3,000 eggs at a time.
- There are over 20 tick species in the UK and over 800 worldwide.
- Ticks can carry and transmit more than one disease simultaneously.



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