

Lyme Disease and High Population of Mosquitoes Pose Threat to Many Parts of the Country

Treating pets to prevent pest-carried diseases becomes crucial

OMAHA, Neb., July 25, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- The threat of Lyme disease is predicted to be [extremely high for dogs](#) in many parts of the country this year, and several areas are also confronted with a [high population of mosquitoes](#) (carriers and transmitters of heartworm disease), according to the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC).

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[Lyme disease](#) is transmitted through the bite of an infected tick and can affect many species, including dogs and humans. [Heartworm disease](#), transmitted through an infected mosquito, is a serious and potentially fatal condition posing great danger to dogs, cats and other species of mammals.

To avert any type of infection or infestation, CAPC recommends year-round prevention for dogs and cats.

"While virtually all infestations of parasites are preventable, estimates indicate that fewer than half the dogs in the country are protected. Prevention is easy and relatively affordable when compared to the cost and heartache of treating a sick pet," explains Dr. Chris Carpenter, CAPC executive director.

Whether avoiding ticks or repelling mosquitoes, it has become increasingly easier for pet parents to provide prevention. "Some topical flea and tick solutions, such as [SENTRY® PRO XFT](#), kill fleas, ticks, flea eggs, flea larvae and repel mosquitoes when used on dogs, according to the label directions," said Dr. Tony Johnson, veterinarian in Indianapolis, Ind.

According to Dr. Johnson, steps to help minimize a mosquito's life cycle include:

- Changing the water in birdbaths, pet bowls and wading pools frequently
- Eliminating standing water near animal areas
- Removing tin cans, old tires, buckets or anything that can collect and hold water
- Irrigating the lawn and garden carefully to prevent water from standing for several days

Other tick preventative products can include anything from [yard sprays](#) and [home powders](#), to the wide variety of [squeeze-on treatments](#), [sprays](#), [collars](#), [powders](#) and [shampoos](#) that battle and/or repel these bugs. For a full line of Sergeant's products, visit the Sergeant's website at sergeants.com. Always remember to thoroughly read the directions of each product. Do not expose your pet to multiple products at the same time.

For those who prefer to use natural methods of pest control, [SENTRY Natural Defense®](#) is a line of flea, tick and mosquito control products that contain natural ingredients. For more information on [SENTRY Natural Defense®](#), visit sentrynatural.com.

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