The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control, in partnership with Merck Animal Health, is

REQUESTING YOUR PARTICIPATION

to support surveillance for distribution of ticks and tick-borne diseases in British Columbia.



1 How do you get involved?

Submit an image of a tick removed from a companion animal to the **eTick.ca** platform– it is free and easy to do!

HOW TO SUBMIT A TICK

Submitting tick images through **eTick.ca** provides photographic species identification.

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If the tick is identified as *Ixodes* spp. you may receive a message to submit the tick to the **BCCDC Public Health Laboratory for pathogen testing** (so please, after you take the photo, **hold on to those ticks!**).

Requested tick specimens received by the BCCDC PHL will undergo **tick species confirmation and testing for pathogens.***

Encourage pet owners to bring in ticks they find on their pets.





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Individual test results will be communicated to the submitting clinic. Following completion of the project, outcomes will be shared with the veterinary community to help determine the best tick control strategy for pets in British Columbia

Thank you for your participation!

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Additional tick awareness resources can be found at ticktalkcanada.com

*Using BCCDC PHL's multiplex tick-borne pathogen panel which looks for: *Borrelia* spp., *Anaplasma* spp., *Ehrlichia* spp., *Babesia microti*, and *Rickettsia rickettsia*.