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TICKS – NEW PROTECTION FOR OUR DOGS NOW AVAILABLE

Ticks are a bug unlike any other and that is what makes them such a problem.

Typically, the fall season is enjoyed for its beautifully coloured foliage, breezy sunny days, and the decline of those pesky insects like mosquitoes. This time of year, the insect population is either preparing for hibernation or dying off; and we like it.

Not so for the tick. In fact, this parasite is very active right now with both the larval stage and the adults looking for blood meals from our dogs, cats and even us.

- They are the first bug to be active in the spring, often early March as soon as the temperature is above freezing.
- They do not die away in the fall, in fact they are very active right now, until snow fall.
- The frost does not kill the tick.
- They are even active on those warmer winter days, even if there is snow on the ground.
- Ticks carry many dangerous diseases; in Ontario, predominantly Lyme disease, Anaplasma and now Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.
- The tick and the diseases they carry are on the rise.

SO, WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?

For years now, veterinarians have been encouraging pet owners to take a proactive and preventative approach to protecting their pets, and themselves against ticks. By giving a medicated chew or applying a topical liquid once a month, we can kill the ticks that jump on our pets before they can transmit disease. The problem is that most pet owners stop the medication during the winter months and forget to start again until they're annoyed by other insects like mosquitoes. And by this time, the ticks have already been biting for months; it's too late.

Now, we have a new and better solution that veterinarians are excited about!

One injection protection – for a whole year!

This injection can be given any time of year, but it seems wisest to give it in December. It will protect your dog from ticks during those unexpected winter warm ups, in the early spring when the ticks are very active, before all the other bugs are out (and we often forget to start protection early!) and then throughout the summer and following fall.

Furthermore, it is safe to give alongside the Heartworm and Intestinal parasite preventions of the summer months, from June through November.

The Bottom Line

One injection protects against fleas and ticks for a whole year!

STOP
↓
Fleas
Ticks
Lyme disease
Anaplasma
Rocky Mountain
Spotted Fever
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ALL IN ONE SHOT



We give the injection; you stop worrying about it.

How easy is that!

The Bottom Line

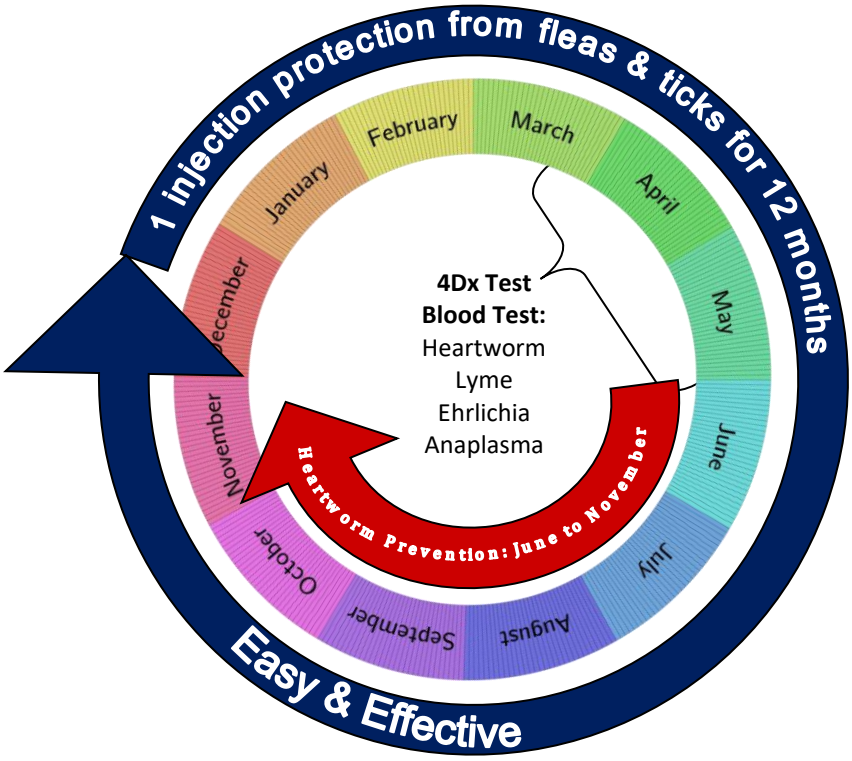
Unfortunately, Bravecto Quantum cannot be used in cats; it is only licensed for use in dogs. Too bad really, I'd love this level of protection for myself!

Bravecto Quantum has been on the market in Europe and the United States since 2023 and has become increasingly popular because of its effectiveness and simplicity.



As with many medications and anesthetics, Quantum should not be used in dogs with neurological disorders, please inform us if your dog has ever had seizures.

The Quantum, once a year injection, is ideal for dogs that struggle taking the oral medication or the topical products.



Summary of Seasonal Parasite Protection Plan for your Dog

HOW DO I USE THIS NEW PRODUCT TO PROTECT MY DOG?

- For those dogs already on prevention for the summer, finish your last dose November 1st
- Then, instead of buying another box of tick prevention for the winter/spring months, that you risk forgetting to give, book an appointment with one of our technicians, 905-702-8822.
- We will weigh your dog, calculate the correct dose, give a quick injection and your dog is protected for the year.
- In the spring, just as always, your dog will have a 4Dx blood test for Heartworm disease, Lyme, Ehrlichia and Anaplasma and start his or her Heartworm and Intestinal parasite prevention for the summer; only this time, no flea and tick prevention is needed; that's already done!

WHAT WILL THIS ADDED PROTECTION COST?

Overall, an injection of Quantum Flea/Tick prevention plus oral summertime Heartworm/Intestinal parasite prevention is more cost effective than year-round oral or topical combo Tick/Flea/Heartworm/Intestinal parasite prevention.

Bonus: To help get you started, Boehringer Ingelheim is offering a $30.00 rebate for all dogs who receive an injection of Quantum. The rebate is offered for up to 3 dogs per household and expires on December 31, 2026. We will give you a coupon.

To book your dog's injection of Quantum, call today to make a technician appointment, 905-702-8822



TIME WITH TUX

Here we go again, another wonderful medication for dogs, a year-round flea and tick prevention in one annual injection and nothing for us cats. We are stuck with the sticky monthly topical medication. Don't get me wrong, it works, and I'm grateful we have that, but come on, why do dogs get all the cool stuff. Dr. Ewing says it's because cats are special, have more sensitive constitutions and are less tolerant than dogs to parasite medications. Just because cats do not like to be disturbed while we sit on a special cushion, elevated, in a ray of sunshine and fed at the exact time in a glass bowl, doesn't mean we are sensitive and intolerant. Now shhh, carry me to my bed, it's time for my nap.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY FOR PETS



For us humans, Halloween is great fun but it can be a stressful and risky time for our pets.

- Chocolate is toxic to pets, and the darker it is, the more dangerous.
- Watch closely for anything containing xylitol (a sugar substitute in many candies and gums), which is especially harmful even is small amounts.
- Decorations often have string, candles and electrical wires; they are interesting to our dogs and cats, but so dangerous.
- Make sure any outfits you put your pets in are safe & don't restrict their breathing.
- The doorbell & the kids in strange clothing might be very scary to our pets, keep them away from the door in another comfortable place in the house.
- Open doors leave room for an escape; please make sure your pets are well identified to ensure they find their way back home.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY HOURS

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve: Closed

Dec. 25th – Christmas Day: Closed

Dec. 26th – Boxing Day: Closed

December 27th – Sunday: Closed

Dec. 31st – New Years Eve: Open 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Jan 1st – New Years Day: Closed

Unless otherwise specified here, Mountainview Animal Hospital will be open during its regular office hours. Animals in the hospital over the holidays will receive the same great care and attention as always.

For those patients requiring emergency care over Christmas and New Years, please contact:

Emergency Veterinary Clinic at 905-495-9907. They are located on the south/east corner of Hurontario (Hwy 10) and Wexford Road, just 1 block north of Bovaird. The Doctors and staff are ready and prepared to handle your pet emergencies.

OR

Mississauga Oakville Emergency and Referral Hospital at 905-829-9444. They are located on Bristol Circle off Winston Churchill and south of Dundas.
The doctors and staff are ready and prepared to receive you, or time permitting you can call ahead.