

We all know that with the heat of the summer come the dreaded ticks...

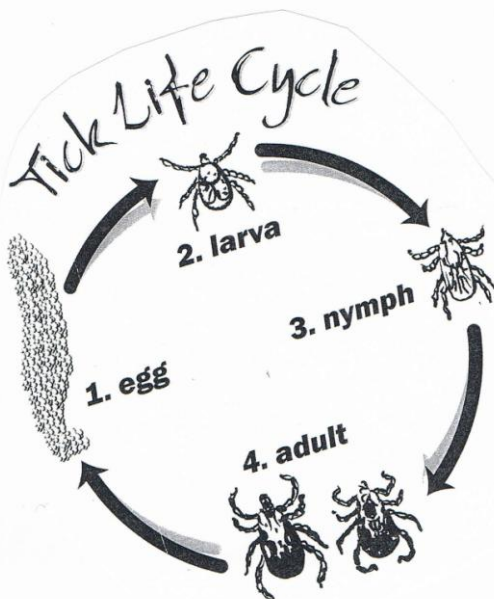
We have all seen them; on ourselves and on our pets, the nasty little creatures. We all know just how yucky they are.

Crawling around and spreading nasty diseases like Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Ticks lay their eggs in the bark of pine trees; when they hatch they float in the breeze and land where they may.

Ticks are arachnids that are closely related to spiders. There are 4 stages of growth in the tick: Egg, Larva, Nymph and Adult.

Only the female adult fills with blood.



The Mouthparts of the tick are barbed like a fishhook and once in place are hard to remove. They also produce a glue like substance that holds their mouthparts to the skin. The best way to remove ticks from a person or pet is to grasp the tick firmly with tweezers as close to the skin as possible where it is attached to the skin. DO NOT use your unprotected fingers because fluids from the tick can transmit disease. Slowly and steadily, pull the tick straight up. Do not twist; this will break-off the mouthparts.

Call us for advice on the topical flea and tick products that would work best for

As the summer edges on, we find ourselves taking more trips, venturing out more and more, taking a dip in the lake....

Before we let our pets take a dip with us, you need to make sure that your dog is vaccinated against Leptospirosis. Lepto is a deadly bacterial disease spread by wildlife and domestic animals. Common lepto carriers include raccoons, skunks, opossums, squirrels, rats and other dogs. Livestock have also been known to carry this disease.

Leptospira bacteria can survive for a long time in standing water. Lepto is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can be passed from animals to people.

Infection occurs when dogs wade through or drink from contaminated water sources. The bacteria can enter through a cut in the skin or mucous membranes, such as the eye, nose or mouth.

Lepto has been diagnosed in all types of dogs. All breeds and sizes of dogs are at risk.

So before you let your dog go swimming with their friends at the neighborhood pond, make sure they are properly vaccinated against Lepto.

Take these steps to protect you and your pet:

- Remove food, garbage and nesting materials from your yard to reduce wildlife activity.
- Discourage your dog from drinking from

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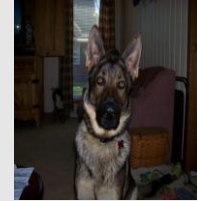
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**Congratulations to our graduates!
Nikko Small, owners Linda and Gregory Small.**



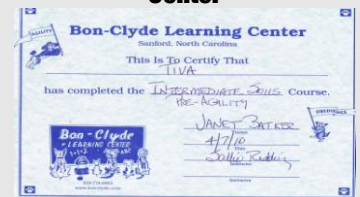
Nikko graduated from K9 Solutions Search and Rescue Class!!



Tiva Lee, owner Max Lee.



Graduated from Intermediate Skills Pre-Agility at Bon-Clyde Learning Center



"Let us know about your pet's

Welcoming Committee

Some of you may have had the opportunity to meet **Dr. Allison Canter**. She is originally from South Carolina, but she attended NC State as an undergraduate and veterinary school. She graduated in 2006. She has a 10-month-old son, Levi, a husband, Tim, a dog named Snickers and 3 cats (Lemonade, Phoebe, and Cassie) at home.

Her hobbies are running, cooking, gardening, crafting, and activities at her church.

