

# ALASKA SUBMIT-A-TICK PROGRAM

[www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/ticks](http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/ticks)

Wildlife biologists are an important component of tick monitoring in our state. Biologists interact with wildlife more often, and more closely, than most Alaskans.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

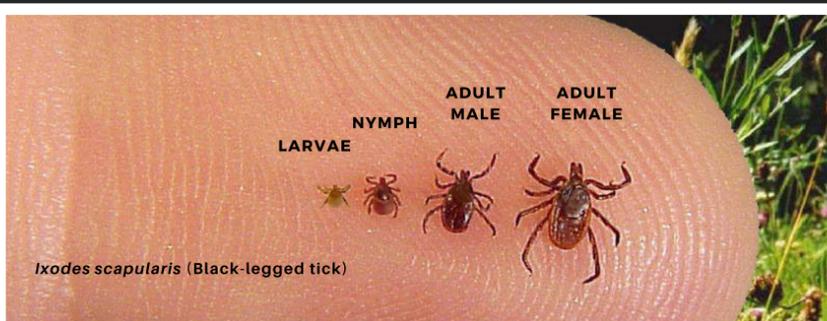
- Look for ticks on wildlife that you handle. There are field guides on the website above that provide tips for conducting tick searches on wildlife.
- Submit all ticks, from people, animals, and wildlife to the Office of the State Veterinarian through the Alaska Submit-A-Tick Program.
- If you would like to order field kits to collect ticks from wildlife, please get in contact with our University of Alaska partner, Dr. Micah Hahn ([mbhahn@alaska.edu](mailto:mbhahn@alaska.edu)).
- Advise the public on how to safely remove a tick and how to submit ticks to the surveillance program.



Examples of ticks on wildlife.

## HAVE A TICK? HERE'S WHAT TO DO!

1. Carefully remove the tick if it is attached. Use tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull straight up with even, steady pressure. Avoid twisting or jerking the tick, which can cause the mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin.
2. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.
3. Place dislodged ticks into a vial. Other clean, hard-sided containers can be used. Ziploc bags will work in a pinch, but it is easier for ticks to be crushed during transport.
4. Fill out the Alaska Submit-A-Tick form (Available: [www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/ticks](http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/ticks)). If you have ticks from more than one animal, record your contact information on the *Submit-A-Tick form* and then use the *Biologist Extension form* to record the information about tick submissions.
5. Send ticks and completed forms to:  
**Office of the State Veterinarian**  
**5251 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue**  
**Anchorage, AK 99507**



A moose, caribou, elk, or deer with hair loss could be a sign of an infestation with moose winter tick, an invasive tick species in Alaska. **If you see an animal with hair loss during winter**, take a photo if possible, note the location, and immediately contact the ADFG wildlife veterinarian, Dr. Kimberlee Beckmen, 907-328-8354 or [dfg.dwc.vet@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.dwc.vet@alaska.gov)