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TICK SUBMISSION Form
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As part of a program to monitor the distribution of the deer tick, *Ixodes scapularis*, the vector for the Lyme disease bacteria and other human pathogens, our research laboratory offers free identification of ticks. Ticks will **not be tested** to see if they contain the Lyme disease spirochete because the clinical value of this information is uncertain. Unless other arrangements have been made, ticks should be preserved in small bottles of 70% alcohol and mailed in a crush-proof container with this completed form to the above address. Please be sure to note the town where the tick was acquired and date tick found.

In the late spring and summer, many areas are infested with dog ticks, *Dermacentor variabilis*. This tick does not transmit Lyme disease. Because our laboratory can become overwhelmed by submissions of this tick, we ask that you not submit ticks on which you can distinguish the characteristic faint white markings unique to the dog tick.

To remove ticks, grasp them with fine forceps as near to the skin as possible and pull directly out firmly and steadily. The barbed mouth parts may not let go easily, so a minute or more may be required. Do not handle ticks with your bare hands.

Because we are interested in tick distribution, we may attempt to contact the person who originally collected the tick. If the tick is submitted by a clinic or other organization, please include the original collector's name and address. Please include name of guardian if under 18 years of age.

A. Individual, physician, clinic, or organization submitting tick:

B. Person (or owner's name if pet) acquiring tick:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail: _____

Date tick found: ____ / ____ / ____ Town where acquired: _____ State: _____

Was the tick attached when found? ☐ Yes ☐ No Body part attached to: _____

Tick found on: ☐ Person (Age of person: _____) ☐ Animal ☐ Other: _____

If found on animal, what species? ☐ Dog (Breed: _____) ☐ Cat ☐ Other: _____

Animal's name: _____ Has animal been vaccinated for Lyme disease? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you use any tick control products on your animal ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what product was used: ☐ Frontline ☐ Advantix ☐ Other _____

Were there any associated symptoms? _____

Patients or Physicians, please note any other pertinent information here:

Lab use only:
(do NOT write below line)

Tick Identification: