

ADVICE ONE HEALTH

1 Highlight the importance of year-round treatment

For good health, maintain a well balanced diet and ensure pet owners are following a plan for relevant core and non-core vaccination and appropriate antiparasitic treatment.

2 Raise travel risks

When owners plan to travel, or when an imported pet is adopted, they should be aware of the potential hazards. Zoonotic diseases found in warmer countries may also put them at risk.

3 Encourage attention and care

Owners should create a strategy for their entire household - both people and pets. For example, the risk of tick-borne diseases can be minimized by treating pets with ectoparasitic products and for the pet owners by using insect repellents, and mechanical measures like tucking trouser legs into socks if going off-road where ticks live and checking clothes and themselves for ticks on a regular basis and at least daily.

4 Clarify the boundaries

Adults and children should maintain good hygienic practice when handling pets including regular hand washing after playing with their companions.

