

Latin name : Ixodida

Size : 3 to 5 mm

Lifesspan : 2 years

Tick

Ticks are not insects, but arachnids, like spiders, scorpions and mites. If you look closely at a tick when identifying it, you will see that it resembles a spider with its four pairs of legs (3 pairs in insects) and the absence of antennae.



Ticks are parasites, and finding a host is vital to their survival. This is why they position themselves in places where they can find animals, the source of their food. They can be found near waterholes where animals go to drink, in shady areas in summer to find animals looking for coolness, or at the top of tall grass in meadows to take advantage of their meal!

The saliva of ticks contains an anaesthetic, so the hosts don't notice when they are bitten. It also contains anticoagulants so that the blood does not clot and prevent the tick from feeding.

If you fall victim to a tick, there's only one thing you can do to get rid of it: use a tick remover. All other options should be avoided.