

# Puppy Love

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## STOP!!!

### Tick Paralysis

Tick paralysis is a rare but serious condition that can be fatal to dogs. Initially, the dog may appear weak or unsteady because their rear limbs are weakened. The symptoms quickly progress to paralysis and the involvement spreads to the trunk, upper extremities, and head. Dogs can die of respiratory arrest if the diaphragm becomes involved. This condition can be very difficult to recognize and is easily misdiagnosed due to varied and vague symptoms. The most common carriers are: the Lone Star tick, American Dog tick, Deer tick and the Rocky Mountain Wood tick. Talk to your veterinarian about the best way to protect your little doxie. Some vets may recommend simultaneous use of more than one preventative.



Kristi is home in Kansas with her amazing family.



Cable News Network.  
Portland, Oregon, May 3, 2016

Ollie, a ten year old sheltie, wasn't eating or drinking, he couldn't eliminate on his own and was almost completely paralyzed. He was in a local veterinarian hospital fighting for his life. Ollie's family helplessly stood by as they watched his health continue to deteriorate. After four days of multiple tests and no sign of a solution, Ollie's family decided it was time to end his suffering, they couldn't bear to keep Ollie alive with such poor quality of life. While preparing Ollie for the euthanasia procedure a veterinary assistant was soothing him with gentle petting and kind words. She discovered a bump behind his ear; it was a tick! They stopped the procedure just moments before it was to take place and took actions to pull Ollie through this rare, but life threatening condition; tick paralysis. Ten hours after the tick was removed Ollie was back to being his healthy self again. This condition is caused by a potent tick toxin that is released through saliva and injected into a dog's bloodstream. Ollie had been on a family camping trip prior to his illness, but he was wearing a tick collar.



## Hide & Seek

Finding ticks on your dog is not a simple task because ticks are good at playing hide and seek. Using heat sensors, ticks typically latch onto the warmest places on a dog's body. The head, neck and ears are prime places for ticks to hide. But, be sure to check the groin area, eye lids and between the toes, other favorite spots to hide.



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The CDC has publicly stated: "Folklore remedies such as petroleum jelly or hot matches do little to encourage a tick to detach from skin. In fact, they may make matters worse by irritating the tick and stimulating it to release additional saliva, increasing the chances of transmitting the pathogen. These methods of tick removal should be avoided. In addition, a number of tick removal devices have been marketed, but none are better than a plain set of fine tipped tweezers."