

What is Lyme disease?

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can effect humans, dogs, cats and other mammals. It's primary carrier is the deer tick which often feeds on rodents in its early stages. Later, the tick can attach to a dog or human and transmit the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. Clinical signs include depression, swelling of the lymph nodes, loss of appetite and fever, as well as lameness and swollen painful joints. Renal failure can also be a consequence of Lyme disease.

What should I do if I think my dog has Lyme disease?

Your veterinarian can best determine the optimal treatment plan for your dog. Canine Lyme disease is most often effectively treated with antibiotics. With prompt, proper treatment, your dog's condition should start to improve within 48 hours.

How is Lyme disease Treated?

Bring your pet to a veterinarian, who will evaluate your dog for Lyme disease. This includes a physical exam, blood test and possibly radiographs.

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