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Vermont Tick Surveillance Submission Form

To monitor the distribution of ticks in the state of Vermont, the VT Agency of Agriculture offers free identification of ticks. We offer identification of species, life stage, and engorgement rate information only, and are not a testing facility for pathogens. Unless other arrangements have been made, ticks should be preserved in small bottles of isopropyl alcohol (used watertight pill bottles work well) and mailed in a crush-proof container with this completed form to:

VAAFM

VT Tick Surveillance Program

163 Admin Drive

Randolph Center, VT 05061

ph (802) 505 - 5343

You may also take a clear, close-up photo of the tick with your cell phone and email it to Eliza.Doncaster@Vermont.gov. We may be able to identify the tick this way, eliminating the need to mail it.

To remove ticks, grasp them with fine forceps (tweezers) as near the skin as possible and pull directly out firmly and steadily. The barbed mouthparts 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 a 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.

Individual, physician, clinic, or organization submitting tick _____

Individual on whom tick was found (or owner's name, if found on a pet) _____

Address of person submitting _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date tick found ____/____/____ Town acquired _____ County _____

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

Tick found on Person (age? _____) Animal _____ Other _____

Description of habitat where tick was acquired, if known _____

Please indicate any significant travel outside of your county within the previous 2 weeks _____

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