THE IMPORTANCE OF TICK PREVENTION

Ticks are a serious threat to greyhounds. Paralysis ticks are not limited to bushland areas and can be found anywhere. Even pets that spend most of their time indoors can be at risk.

Why tick prevention matters

- There is no natural immunity to paralysis ticks.
- Even if treated with tick anti-serum, some greyhounds may still suffer severe consequences or death.
- Recovery from tick paralysis often requires 1 to 7 days of hospitalisation, depending on severity.

The best defence is a consistent and effective parasite prevention protocol tailored to your greyhound's lifestyle.

Choose the right prevention for your greyhound

Many options are available, including topical treatments and oral chews. For example, if your greyhound swims regularly, an oral chew may be more effective than a topical treatment that can wash off. Consult your local veterinarian for expert advice.

If you find a tick on your greyhound:

- Remove it immediately using proper tick removal tools or techniques.
- Conduct a full body tick search, starting from the head and working back.
- Check common hiding spots: inside ears, mouth, between toes, under collars, and skin folds.
- Always keep any removed ticks to show your vet for identification.

Symptoms of tick paralysis

If your greyhound shows any signs of illness or you find a tick, seek veterinary care immediately. Early treatment is critical for a successful recovery.

Important to note:

- Do not give your greyhound food or water if paralysis symptoms are present, they may not be able to protect their airway and could choke.
- Prompt veterinary attention can save your pet's life.

Stay vigilant, stay protected

Tick paralysis is preventable with the right care and awareness. Protect your greyhound by using effective tick prevention year-round, performing regular tick checks, and knowing when to seek urgent veterinary help.

For peace of mind and your pet's health, talk to your vet today about the best tick prevention plan for your greyhound.