

Division of Public Health Communicable Disease Branch

NC Veterinarian Tick Identification Program Submission Form – Animal Shelters

This form is to be used by veterinary practices for the identification of tick species. Tick identification will be conducted by the North Carolina Division of Public Health, Communicable Disease Branch. This service is provided for surveillance purposes and should not be used for diagnostic purposes.

Please provide the following information regarding your tick submission:

Name of animal shelter	Name of veterinarian/tech	Office phone number Animal species		Email Address			
Date of collection	Name/ID # of animal			Age S	Sex Bre	eed	
Home county of animal/s	helter Home zi	p code of anir	mal/shelter				
Has the animal traveled	d outside of its home county i	n the past two	weeks? Yes	□ No	☐ Don't k	know 🗌	
Travel Start Date	Start Date Travel End Date City, County, and State of Travel						
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	ffered after tick noted/remove A. phagocytophilium/platy	-			n't know gii □ No tickl	borne pathoge	ens
If Yes, specify:	rention?						
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Species	ID number Desiccated/ Damaged	Engorged	# of females	# of males	# of nymphs	# of larvae	Total

Submission Instructions

- 1. Place tick in a water-tight container (e.g. Ziploc bag or plastic vial) with a paper towel/cotton ball doused with alcohol to prevent desiccation.
- 2. Fill out specimen submission form (above) for each submission and attach with specimen(s). Each animal host should have its own submission form.
- 3. Cut and keep these instructions.
- 4. Package specimen(s) and the submission form(s) carefully to avoid damage during shipment.
- 5. Use the prepaid postage envelopes provided for specimens in Ziploc bags or plastic vials. For larger containers, please mail them to:

NC Veterinarian Tick Identification Program c/o Dr. Alexis M Barbarin 1902 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1902

Results will be returned via email.

For more information about tickborne disease surveillance in North Carolina or if additional envelopes are needed, please contact the Communicable Disease Branch at (919) 733-3419. Additional information about ticks and tickborne disease can be found at www.cdc.gov or at our website at