



Top Ten Tick Facts



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Ticks are closely related to spiders and can be as small as a poppy seed (the little black seeds on some bread).

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Ticks bite people and animals to suck up a small amount of blood which they need to stay alive. They are like mini vampires!

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Ticks have a special saliva (spit) which makes your skin numb so you don't feel them bite.



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Between March and October there are more ticks about but even on warm winter days they can still bite. They can be found in woods, forests and fields in the countryside and sometimes in parks and gardens in towns where there is lots of wildlife.

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Some ticks can live for up to a year without feeding.

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Ticks don't jump or fly. Instead they rest on low plants and wait for an animal or a person to come close enough so they can climb on, or drop onto them.



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Ticks like warm places on the body, like the back of the knee, belly button, armpits, buttocks and groin area, so they feel safe while blood sucking.

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A mother tick lays up to 3,000 eggs at a time.



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There are over 20 types of tick in the UK and over 800 worldwide.

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Ticks carry germs which can make people and animals ill.

