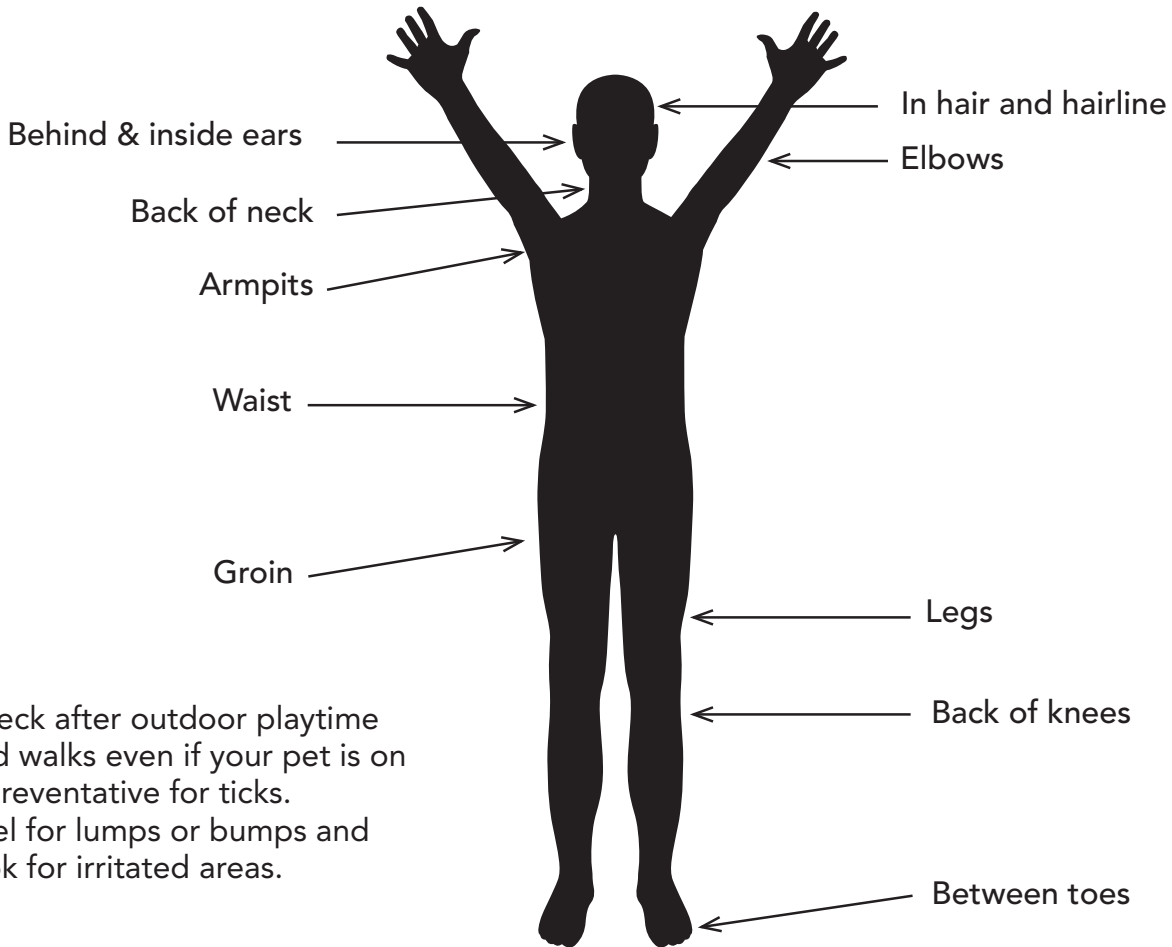


It's Tick Check Time

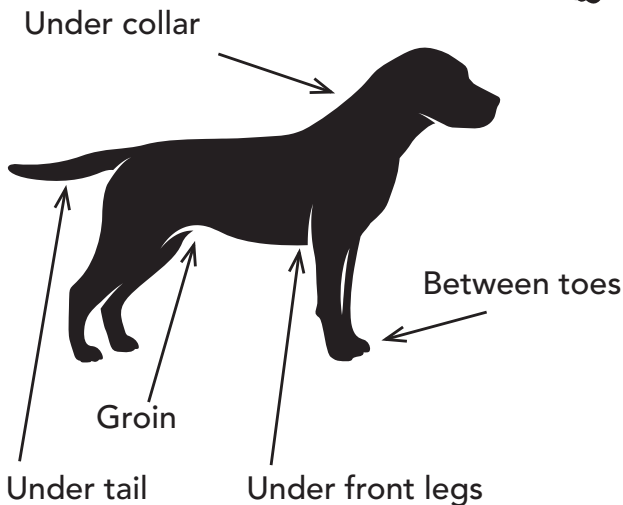
The City of Thunder Bay and immediately surrounding area are a risk area for Lyme disease. More than 30% of blacklegged ticks collected between 2020 and 2023 were infected with Lyme disease bacteria. These bacteria can be transmitted to humans after a blacklegged tick has fed for 24 or more hours. Most ticks found in the Thunder Bay District are wood ticks and do not carry the Lyme disease bacteria.

After being outdoors, check for ticks. Ticks like warm, hidden areas:

TICK CHECK ZONES



Check after outdoor playtime and walks even if your pet is on a preventative for ticks. Feel for lumps or bumps and look for irritated areas.



Blacklegged tick in various stages of feeding compared to the size of a dime.

(Source: Public Health Agency of Canada)



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Visit [TBDHU.com/ticks](https://www.tbdhu.com/ticks) OR call (807) 625-5900 or toll-free at 1-888-294-6630 for more information about preventing bites, removing and identifying ticks and next steps if it's a blacklegged tick.



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