

Dr. Oakley says...

Gross! What can we do about the ticks this year? What's working and what's not working?

Dr. Z tells us that....it depends. He says that what we should do depends on several things. He will want to know things like if you are a dog or cat family, or a mixed animal home. Do you have young children in your home? Are your pets avid explorers, hikers or couch potatoes? Maybe you have one pet of each kind. What is your budget?

All of these things make a difference in which product or products you should use with your pets. Some products are great for limited outdoor exposure, but if you have adventurous friends like we do, you need heavy duty protection.

Dr. Z says that if you have young children, you may want to consider the newer ingestible tablets, Nexgard or Bravecto, instead of the older topical treatments so that your child doesn't hug Fluffy's fur and then put his or her hands in their mouth. We have better ways now to ensure that children don't come into contact with the products.

There are some new products this year that are having great results in our tests here at LVH. Dr. Z doesn't sell any products that he hasn't tested out first. We had a great test case recently. This family literally watched the ticks fall off of their dog after about 30 minutes after she ate the new treatment. That's the kind of proof and feedback that Dr. Z requires before he offers the new products to clients at LVH!

TV commercials and internet ads are great for figuring out what's out there for the "average" pet, but we haven't met many average pets. The pets we see here at LVH are still surprising us with their hobbies and adventures. You and your pets' lifestyle are individualized and their preventive programs should be individualized too. Call and ask to meet with Dr. Z for your tick consultation today.

Peace,

Dr. O