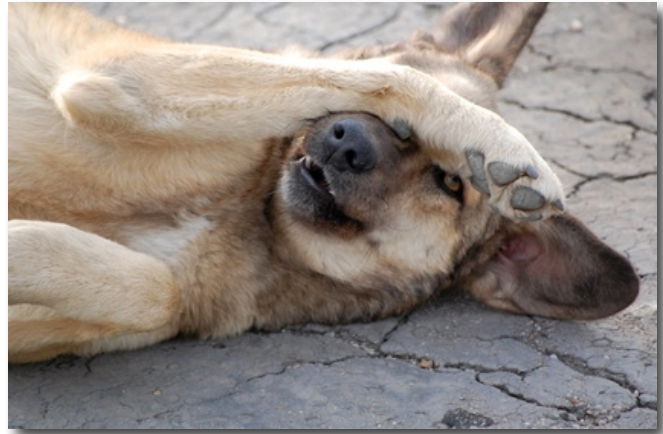


Tick Control

At the BVC, for dogs we do recommend that effective tick control is constantly applied. Dogs that are walked on the central grassy reservations pick up lots of ticks. We believe this is because the lawns in Abu Dhabi are fertilized with camel manure that includes loads of ticks. The ticks can then be carried into the house and it isn't long before they are seen on walls and furniture. There are numerous methods of control. Fipronil which is found in Frontline and Protektor is still almost 100% effective with 24hours. Frontline and Protektor come as Spoton Products and Spray formulations. The ticks have to contact the product to be killed. That means if using a Spoton that you may see ticks walking ontop of the fur of the dog. Its only when they attach to the skin that they come into contact with the product and are killed. This problem is avoided by using the spray formulations.

We stock tick collars that are very effective too. Some people are less than keen on the strong pesticide smell associated with the collars however. What you want to avoid are supermarket brand collars which contain repellent products (permethrins) – they are pretty effective at driving the ticks off your pet and onto another target which could be yourself or the family cat! If ticks have become established in a building we have household sprays (Vetkem Acclaim). The spray is pretty effective against other insects and that includes cockroaches and bed bugs – two other pests that are common in particularly older accommodation in Abu Dhabi.



At the BVC we currently carry all products previously discussed in this article. We are also happy to answer any further questions you may have regarding tick control.