

Yard Tick control

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Occasionally, a topical product applied according to label recommendations may not appear to control the problem. This may be real or perceived—based on pet owners' expectations of product performance and reinfestation rates. In these situations, consider additional tick-control measures.

- Destroy refuge areas for ticks and tick wildlife hosts. Removing or burning tall grass, brush piles, and weeds between runs and fences and along buildings can kill some ticks outright, allows for sunlight penetration to cause desiccation of remaining ticks and can reduce harborage for wildlife tick hosts.
- For brown dog tick infestations in kennels, spray acaricides into cracks and crevices, behind and under cages, and along ceiling boards.
- Effective, environmental tick-control in a kennel includes cyfluthrin, permethrin, and s-fenvalerate.
- These same compounds also work outdoors. Rarely is broadcast acaricide application necessary in yards.
 - Spot treatment along fences, kennels, or shaded areas is preferred.
 - For unusually large tick populations, it may be necessary to restrict pet access to the tick-infested environments.
- Effective yard flea and tick sprays from hardware stores
- Bayer Advanced Lawn™ Complete Insect Killer
Imidacloprid 0.72% and Beta-cyfluthrin 0.36%
- Bayer Advanced Garden™ PowerForce® Multi-Insect Killer Ready-To-Spray
Cyfluthrin 0.75%
 - Both come in 32 oz ready to use bottles that cover approximately 5,000sq ft
 - Do not spray the product into fish pools, ponds, streams, or lakes.
 - Remove animal feeding dishes prior to application.
 - Keep children and pets away from treated areas until the spray has dried.
 - Shake well before using.
 - For severe infestations, repeat every 7-14 days as necessary.
 - This product is ready to spray. Just attach this bottle to your hose according to directions. Water automatically mixes with the concentrate as you spray.
 - Also comes as -- Bayer Advanced™ PowerForce® Multi-Insect Killer Ready-to-spread Granules.
- Also
 - **Conquer:** Esfenvalerate 3.48%.
 - **Tempo Ultra WP:** Cyfluthrin 10.00%

Additional information can be found at the following web site. Web site includes links to **meeting proceedings, published papers** and **extension bulletins** on fleas and ticks.

<http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/dmp/personnel/faculty/dryden.htm>