



TICK FEVER

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR TICK FEVER

This pet tested positive for *Ehrlichia canis* (also known as tick fever), a blood-borne disease that is transmitted by infected ticks. A positive test does not mean the pet has an active infection, but has been exposed at some point in their life. Animals with an active infection most commonly have decreased platelets (the cells that help with clotting) and anemia (decreased red blood cells). If this pet had abnormal blood work results, these were rechecked at the animal shelter after treatment was initiated. Other less common signs of the infection include weakness, joint pain, or fever. Tick fever may lay dormant in the system and cause illness later in life. Treatment has been initiated and the pet is not displaying any clinical signs of the disease at this time. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.