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## Notice to NCYC Members

From: Leighton Roslyn, Commodore  
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Re: Ticks & Pets

This past weekend, there were several sightings of “ticks”. I killed one in the men’s washroom in the Clubhouse and several other members commented on finding ticks on their bodies. Some of the dog owners also reported removing ticks from their pets. When I returned home, I found a tick on my belly while showering. I had no idea it was there and felt nothing until I brushed against it.

We have a member, Andy Barton [owner of “Fidusen”] who is quite knowledgeable about ticks as he studies them for the Grey/Bruce Public Health Unit. He found several ticks himself this weekend when he was at the Club.

He points us to these resources:

1. <https://www.etic.ca/>
2. <https://web.uri.edu/tickencounter/fieldguide/>
3. <https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Environment/Vector-borne-Diseases/Ticks>

The Algoma Health Unit also has information on ticks:

1. [Algoma Public Health - Tick Surveillance Program](#)
2. [Algoma Public Health - Keep yourself safe from mosquitoes and ticks](#)
3. [Algoma Public Health - Vector borne diseases](#)

Members are urged to check themselves regularly for ticks and to take the precautions recommended by the Health Unit.

There is another issue about ticks and that relates to dogs. Over the weekend there were several dogs which were roaming free. That raises concerns about several things:

1. Dog feces which are not immediately picked up by the owner
2. Identifying which dog is the “offender”
3. Dogs carrying ticks into area we would not normally consider to be tick territory
4. Dogs pressing up against the Clubhouse screens when the owner is inside and the dog is not tethered outside.
5. A risk of falls from being startled by them or tripping over them at the doorways or elsewhere on the grounds which, with an aging population increases the risk of broken hips or other bones and severely compromised mobility for a long time afterwards.

As members return to the Club to start the Boating Season, which was declared “open” this weekend at the Spring Planning Meeting, it is necessary to address these issues. NCYC Rules, Article V, speaks to this as follows:

**ARTICLE V – PETS:**

- 5.1 Pets are not allowed in the Clubhouse or to roam free on NCYC property and must be tethered at all times.
- 5.2 Members or their guests may have allergies to pet dander and so tethering of a pet at the Clubhouse doorway is not permitted.
- 5.3 Members are required to repair any damage to NCYC property caused by their pet.
- 5.4 **STOOP AND SCOOP!!!** Members are required to **IMMEDIATELY** clean up any mess created by their pet.
- 5.5 Members are required to control their pets to avoid excessive noise or to otherwise avoid disturbing other members.

While the Rule has not been strictly enforced, we must, in fairness to the majority of members, return to compliance with it. When other members are present at the Club, please do not let your pet run free and unsupervised and please do pick up after it.