

**USING CONSULT DATA TO DESCRIBE TICK ACTIVITY** 

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### **ZOONOSIS**

Ticks represent a large global reservoir of zoonotic disease



### **STUDY**

Data collected from 192 UK vet practices taking part in SAVSNET over two years



# **RISK TO CATS**

The relative risk of dogs presenting with a tick compared to cats was 0.73 (95% confidence intervals 0.67-0.80)



## **LOCATION**

The highest number of tick records were in the south central regions of England



## **SEASONALITY**

Presence of ticks showed marked seasonality with summer peaks and a second smaller peak in autumn for cats



# PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE

This work suggests that passive surveillance of companion animal records submitted by veterinary practices can describe tick activity