



# Spotlight on Vector-Borne Disease

## Are You Ticked-Off About Ticks?

At the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine, we are. We know that tick-borne infectious diseases remain a serious threat to both pets and people in our state and around the world.

Common diseases affecting dogs and people include:

- Lyme Disease
- Ehrlichiosis
- Anaplasmosis
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- Babesiosis
- Bartonellosis
- Hepatozoonosis

We also know that early diagnosis and treatment of vector-borne disease is key. That's why **we are creating an endowed faculty position to concentrate on the causes, diagnosis and treatment of companion animal infectious diseases called the Companion Animal Research Endowment: Infectious Disease (CARE: ID).**

Our pets are truly the "underdogs" and "undercats" in this fight against vector-borne diseases. They need our support, not just to help them recover from these diseases, but also to prevent them.

Today, the resources devoted to CARE: ID are limited. But together, we have the chance to create a better future for people and pets. Your contribution would help us do something extraordinary. Will you join this fight?

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"I sincerely believe in the importance of the CARE:ID endowment and am personally supporting it."

To date, we have exceeded \$150,000 in support toward the endowment. Once we reach \$1 million in support, we will qualify for matching funds to achieve a \$2.5 million endowed chair position.

Establishing this position will have a lasting impact on our pets and the people who love them.