

## TICK TESTING ORDER FORM

We ask for a donation (\$50 per tick) to cover our expenses in the extraction and testing of the ticks. Information gained from testing your ticks maybe incorporated into our research data on distribution of tick-borne pathogens particularly across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### Please complete form and mail with tick to:

Tick Research (c/o W. Hynes),  
Department of Biological Sciences,  
Mills Godwin Building  
Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529

### How to send us your tick:

Put your tick in a small ziplock bag and freeze it for at least two hours to ensure it is dead. Put that bag in another bag and then put into some type of padded or more solid envelope. We recommend sending the tick via UPS or FEDEX.

Please complete the following information so we can send you the results of our testing:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (for sending results)

Please complete the following information on where you think you picked up the tick:

Date you found the tick: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the tick embedded in your, someone else's or pets skin (meaning it had to be physically pulled out of skin)?

Yes

In Human?  Animal?  Type of animal: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Where did you find it? \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the area (environment) where you think the tick came from as best you can

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Please make the check out to "Old Dominion University" and write "Tick Research" on the memo line.

## Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability

By sending us this tick for our research, I \_\_\_\_\_ release the ODU Tick team, Department of Biological Sciences, and Old Dominion University and its staff and employees of any liability with regards to the result of testing the ticks or any findings in perpetuity. I understand that my payment is not for any service performed, but a contribution to improve the scientific knowledge of tick borne pathogens. Liability is limited to the limitations of the Virginia Tort Claims Act.

Dr. Wayne Hynes' laboratory at Old Dominion University will test the tick you submit using PCR methodologies, which are specific and sensitive for detecting presence or absence of DNA associated with disease causing pathogens. The tests do not provide a clinical diagnosis of disease nor should they be interpreted as a substitute for clinical testing or consultation with a physician. Dr. Hynes's laboratory does not practice medicine nor does it provide medical advice. Tick tests provide an assessment of the infection status of the submitted tick; one factor that can be taken into account in determining risk of exposure to disease causing microbes. A negative result does not mean the pathogen is not there, it may be below the level of detection. A positive test does not mean you were exposed, just that there was the potential for exposure. Be sure to follow up with your health care provider for any signs or symptoms you might experience including fever, rash, etc.

Results from your tick test are useful in our research for determining the location, and abundance of infected ticks. Accordingly, for public benefit we share this information as widely as possible with the public, health agencies and other organizations as requested. Shared data is completely anonymous; no personally identifiable data (regarding the person bitten or submitting the tick) will be included in any reports. Information about the bite victim and/or submitter is only for the purpose of communicating results.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know you are sending us your tick: [whynes@odu.edu](mailto:whynes@odu.edu)