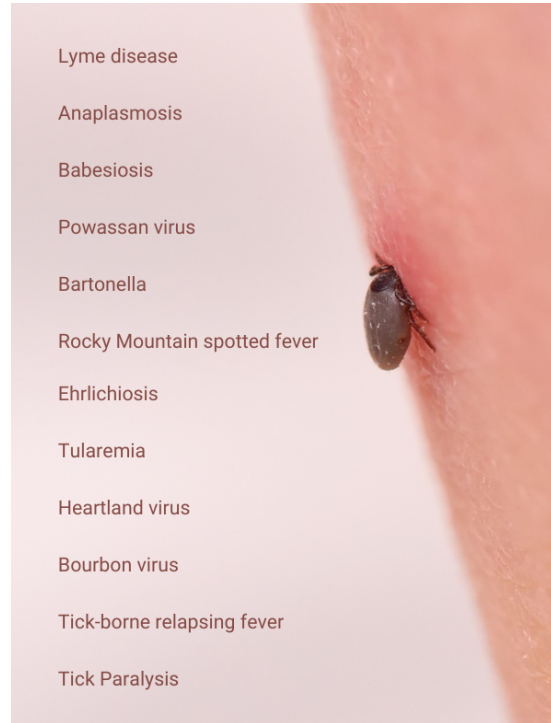


TICK-BORNE DISEASE ALERT: BARTONELLA PREVALENCE HIGHER THAN LYME IN NOVA SCOTIA TICKS

Ticks are known to be vectors for many diseases, including Lyme disease, a bacterial infection caused by the *Borrelia burgdorferi* bacteria. However, a lesser-known pathogen called *Bartonella*, which can cause a variety of symptoms ranging from fever and fatigue to joint pain and neurological problems, has been found to be present in ticks in Nova Scotia.

According to recent research, the prevalence of *Bartonella* in ticks in Nova Scotia is higher than that of Lyme disease, with all infected ticks showing evidence of the bacteria. This is a significant finding, as many medical professionals have been skeptical of the presence of *Bartonella* in ticks, and may not test or treat patients for the disease, even when symptoms suggest its presence.

Bartonella is a complex and often misdiagnosed disease that shares symptoms with other illnesses, such as Lyme disease. Unfortunately, many doctors may not be familiar with the disease or the diagnostic tools required to identify it. The presence of co-infections can further complicate



treatment, especially when the co-infection is not known. The discovery of *Bartonella* in ticks in Nova Scotia is a critical finding that underscores the need for greater awareness and understanding of this little-known but potentially debilitating disease. By continuing to research and raise awareness of tick-borne illnesses, we can work towards better prevention and treatment options for those affected.

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