

Pesapane Lab Tick Submission Instructions

Dr. Risa Pesapane is an assistant professor at The Ohio State University whose research program focuses on the ecology and surveillance of ticks and tick-borne pathogens. She is asking for help collecting ticks from all over the state to fill basic knowledge gaps in the distribution of ticks and their pathogens in Ohio. Ticks of any species, from any host, and any time of the year are requested. We thank you for your assistance in improving our understanding of ticks in Ohio! Please note, we are not able to guarantee testing or reporting of results to participants since we do not yet have the capacity of fee-based testing laboratories that offer these services.

1. If the tick is attached, remove using tweezers by grasping the tick closest to the skin and pulling gently upwards.
2. Place the tick in a plastic bag or a small container with a lid. Ticks from the same host and location can be placed in the same container. Ticks from different locations or hosts must be separated. Freeze for at least two hours to ensure the tick is dead.
3. Label the bag with the **date**, the **type of host** (human/dog/deer/etc), and the **location** (site/city/county) where found. Please include **your phone or email** in case we need to contact you regarding the submission.
4. Enclose the bag or container inside a second zip-top plastic bag.
5. Place in an appropriately sized mailing envelope with a stamp.
6. For shipping address or to request a pre-paid shipping container, email Dr Pesapane at Pesapane.1@osu.edu.

EXAMPLE:

