

***Dermacentor variabilis* Larvae**

Catalog No. NR-44121

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Manufacturer:

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Product Description:

Classification: *Ixodidae*, *Dermacentor*

Species: *Dermacentor variabilis* (common name: American dog tick)

Original Source: *Dermacentor variabilis* (*D. variabilis*) ticks were flagged from vegetation in 2003 in Georgia, USA.¹

Transmission Competent Pathogens: Colorado tick fever virus, *Francisella tularensis* and *Rickettsia rickettsii*

Comment: This *D. variabilis* colony may contain rickettsial endosymbionts.¹

Material Provided:

NR-44121 contains a live, wild-type *D. variabilis* larval batch. Registrants may order up to 10 larval batches in a given month.

Note: *D. variabilis* can also be obtained in adult (NR-42513) or nymph forms (NR-44122).

Packaging/Storage:

NR-44121 is prepared and shipped by CDC. The product is provided at room temperature and should be placed in a humidified environmental incubator² or used immediately.

Growth Conditions:

All life stages are fed on New Zealand White rabbits. The contributor recommends standardized laboratory conditions for the maintenance of ticks.²

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

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