

***Rhipicephalus sanguineus* Nymph**

**Catalog No. NR-44120**

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**Product Description:**

Classification: *Ixodidae*, *Rhipicephalus*

Species: *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* (common name: brown dog tick)

Original Source: *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* (*R. sanguineus*) ticks were removed from the skin of a domestic dog in 2001 in Oklahoma, USA.<sup>1</sup>

Transmission Competent Pathogens: *Ehrlichia canis*, *Rickettsia conorii* and *Rickettsia rickettsii*

Comments: A portion of the 12S small ribosomal RNA from this *R. sanguineus* colony has been sequenced (GenBank: [HM138900](#)).<sup>2</sup> The mitochondrial genome of a representative *R. sanguineus* colony has been sequenced (GenBank: [NC\\_002074](#)).

**Material Provided:**

NR-44120 contains a live, wild-type *R. sanguineus* nymph.

Note: *R. sanguineus* can also be obtained in adult (NR-42512) or larval forms (NR-44119).

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-44120 is prepared and shipped by the CDC. The product is provided at room temperature and should be placed in a humidified environmental incubator<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 1**

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 6th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2020; see [www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm).

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