

VIDEO	AUDIO
<p>LYME DISEASE IN DOGS: Prevention for man’s best friend</p> <p>B-Roll and SOTs</p>	
<p>The following footage is provided free of charge by Merial for use in news broadcasts at your editorial discretion</p>	
<p>EDITOR’S NOTE</p> <p>Lyme disease has been a concern in certain areas of the United States for years, and updated data now shows that Lyme-positive dogs have been reported in all 50 states.¹ Tick season is underway and April is Prevent Lyme in Dogs Month, making now the ideal time to have at-risk dogs vaccinated and to help protect man’s best friend from this potentially debilitating disease.</p>	
<p>B-ROLL</p> <p>Hercules (Diagnosed with Lyme Disease)</p> <p>Veterinary Office & Vaccinations</p> <p>Dogs Playing</p> <p>Deer Tick Image</p>	
<p>SOT:</p> <p>Ken Dockal</p> <p>Hercules’ Owner</p>	<p>SOT DOCKAL:</p> <p>When that card comes in the mail we have him down to the vet so that we don’t put him through that again.</p>
<p>SOT</p> <p>Dr. Michael Casler</p> <p>Guilderland Animal Hospital</p>	<p>SOT CASLER:</p> <p>Upon examination, he did have a fever and palpation of his joints, especially his forelegs, radial carpal joint – which would be like a wrist – very, very painful. And sometimes that’s a red flag for Lyme disease.</p>

	<p>SOT CASLER: We see more Lyme disease than we see of any other infectious disease that we deal with in dogs – distemper, parvo, any of these other diseases. We never see rabies, thank goodness, but Lyme disease almost on a daily basis.</p>
	<p>SOT CASLER: So, Herc, we put him on a vaccine schedule right away after he had been treated for about three weeks, we used Recombitek Lyme vaccine from Merial, that’s what he was given and he gets that annually thereafter, plus we use Frontline Top Spot flea control.</p>
<p>For more information contact: Mari Randa (262) 938-5418 mranda@bader-rutter.com</p>	
<p>¹IDEXX Laboratories Website. U.S. Canine Positive Lyme Results Map. Available at http://www.dogsandticks.com/US-map-lyme-disease-dogs/index.html. Accessed on January 24, 2008.</p>	