



03. Beat the Bite: Tick Safety for Research Teams

A distance learning opportunity

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11:00 – 12:00 PM (CDT)

Instructors:

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Overview

Beat the Bite: Tick Safety for Research Teams provides research personnel with essential guidance and practical tips for safely handling ticks in a laboratory or animal research environment. Attendees will explore the tick life cycle, zoonotic pathogen transmission, key exposure risks during colony maintenance and experiments, and how to apply appropriate biosafety measures including PPE, containment, safe handling techniques, bite prevention, decontamination, tick escape responses, and post-exposure protocols.



Objectives

- Describe general tick biology and behavior characteristics that are relevant to safe laboratory management
- Identify occupational hazards associated with tick handling, such as disease transmission risks, allergen exposure, and escape/containment risks
- Select and use appropriate PPE and safe work practices for work involving ticks, tick-infested animals, or other contaminated materials

Audience Level: Intermediate

Suggested Background: None

Who Should Attend: New & Mid-level Biosafety Professionals, All Safety Professionals, Animal Care Staff and Facility Managers, Veterinarians

Course Logistics: Course is one 1-hour session. Attendees will need to log on 15 minutes prior to the start time. To receive credit and a certificate, attendees must attend the session and complete or access all course modules. The course materials are for **registered participants only**.

Course Fees: ***ABSA Member:** \$125 **Non-Members:** \$215
* To receive the ABSA member rate, participants must be current ABSA members during the training year. Fees include course handouts, access to the ABSA International training site, and 1.5 hours of expert-led interactive instruction.

Credits: This course has been approved for **0.125 CM points** toward RBP/CBSP recertification. *ABSA International is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program. This course is approved for **1.0 P.A.C.E.® contact hours**. Course access links are unique and for individual use only. **Sharing is prohibited**. Duplicate logins or unregistered attendees will be removed from the webinar without a refund.

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Confirmed, paid participants will be sent detailed information regarding the course within a few days prior to the course. Substitutions allowed with notice by 5/8/2026. There is a 15% processing fee for cancellations prior to 5/15/2026. No refunds after 5/15/2026.