



DEER TICKS

Ixodes scapularis (Syn. *dammini*)



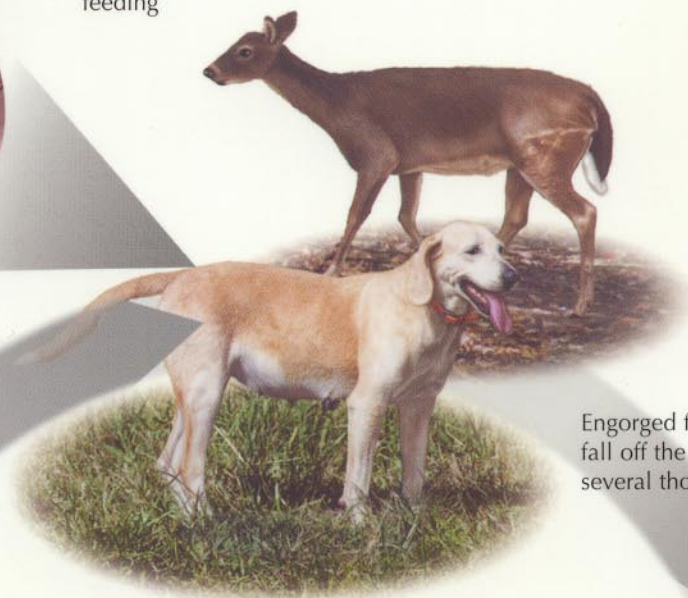
Length of Life Cycle = 1 to 2 Years

EXTERNAL PARASITES

DEER TICK



◀ Engorged female feeding



Engorged female ticks fall off the host and lay several thousand eggs.



Eggs hatch to larvae.

Larvae feed on mice, the reservoir for Lyme disease organisms.



Nymphs feed on mice, wildlife, dogs, cats, and humans, and develop to adults.



Larvae feed and develop to nymphs.



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