

Ehrlichiosis: Know the signs



Ehrlichiosis, a tick-borne dog disease, has been detected in the Northern Territory.

It is present in all areas, including Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and remote communities.

The bacteria is transmitted to dogs by the brown dog tick and can cause:

- fever
- lethargy
- loss of appetite
- weight loss
- pain and stiffness
- swelling of the chest or front legs
- cloudy eyes or conjunctivitis
- bleeding disorders such as nosebleeds or bruising on the gums or belly.

It is important to seek veterinary advice and treatment, as ehrlichiosis in dogs can resemble other conditions with similar signs, and if not properly treated, can result in death.