

**EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
LYME-AID^T**

East Stroudsburg, PA-November 28, 2012: LYME-AIDTM was developed at East Stroudsburg University by Jane Huffman, Ph.D., professor of biological sciences, and Melissa Shaw, M.S. The LYME-AIDTM diagnostic tick testing kit contains a tick remover, alcohol wipe, specimen bag, control labels, tick/Lyme test form, and pre-addressed envelope. If you or a pet are bitten by a tick, remove the tick using the tick remover. Place the tick into the specimen bag and mail it to the Northeast Wildlife DNA Laboratory. Results will be provided by mail, phone, or e-mail, or you can access the results on the website.

The kit identifies the DNA of the pathogen in the tick that causes Lyme disease with 99.9% accuracy. The ticks are tested at the Northeast Wildlife DNA Laboratory using a DNA-based test. The test is highly sensitive and provides accurate results quickly. This allows individuals and their pets to receive prompt treatment without waiting for symptoms of Lyme disease to appear, and to avoid taking unnecessary antibiotics.

East Stroudsburg University and Garrett Hewitt International negotiated a licensing agreement for production and distribution of the test kits. Jason Clerke, President of LYME-AIDTM distributor Garrett Hewitt International, believes that the kit is, “just like having a first-aid kit around. Things like bandages are a regular part of preparing for going on outdoor trips. LYME-AIDTM should be the same. I feel safer outdoors if I have LYME-AID with me.”

Lyme disease is a tick-borne infectious disease that can have severe clinical manifestations in both humans and pets. It is spread through the bite of infected ticks. Lyme disease cases have been reported in all 50 states, endemic in the northeast, mid-Atlantic, and north-central United States and, increasingly, the Pacific coast.

East Stroudsburg University is a comprehensive university in northeastern Pennsylvania offering 58 undergraduate and 22 graduate degrees and is one of the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The university is located 75 miles west of New York City and 85 miles northeast of Philadelphia. <http://www4.esu.edu>

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