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- Tick paralysis is a loss of muscle function that results from a neurotoxin transmitted by a biting tick
 - Often associated with *Dermacentor* spp., but other tick species can transmit a neurotoxin
 - More commonly found in children
- Symptoms
 - Unsteady gait, followed several days later by weakness in lower legs
 - Ascending paralysis
 - May cause difficulty breathing and flu-like symptoms
- Treatment
 - Removal of the tick removes the source of the neurotoxin
 - Recovery is rapid once tick is removed
 - Full recovery is expected



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