

The dry weight of the ticks was 0.1163 grams. 0.00415 g of ticks is 190. Thus, the total number of ticks was 5325. Add to that the 10% that I lost during counting, and the number is 5857.

The dry weight that I measured (.0000218 g/tick) is comparable to a published report for the weight of *Dermacentor nitens* tick eggs. Labruna et al. (1997 Memorias do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz 92, 205-207) found that each egg of this Brazilian tick species weigh 0.000055 g. If we assume that about half of the tick egg mass is water, the weight I measured is very comparable.

The person who came closest said there were 5384 eggs. She will receive the grand prize of a one-year supply of Frontline for a dog or cat (kills flea and ticks), worth between \$41.00 and \$55.00 depending on the pet's weight. We also chose one runner-up to receive a free housecall (\$15.00 value). She was second-closest with a guess of 7249 ticks.

As a housecall veterinary practice, Jennifer and I take pride in providing high-quality, personalized medical care for pets of all types. Our costs are similar to that of other veterinary practices, but we provide the convenience of home care. If you have questions about your pet's health, please don't hesitate to call us. We answer our telephone and pager 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information, please read the enclosed flyer or visit our web site at <http://www.BREBT.com>

We also take pride in the information content of our newsletters, which we publish quarterly. If you would like to receive our newsletters, just give us a call and we'll add your name to our mailing list (those of you who signed up at the Shelter have already been added).

Again, thank you for your participation in the Adoptathon!!

Gratefully yours,

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