Quit Bugging Me! [1]

Week of:
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AIDS from mosquito bite or by handling raw meat? [2]

Dear Alice,

Can you get AIDS from a mosquito bite? I heard you can't, but I'm really paranoid about this. Actually, it wasn't a bite? I squashed the bug and all the blood in it splattered everywhere and then here I am with someone's blood on a cut in my finger. HELP! I'm really freaking out. I don't know if I should get tested or not again, because I did get tested before (negative), but the anguish of waiting for results was horrible. Maybe I'm just ultra paranoid?

?Bitten (or smitten?)

Alice,

Is it possible to contract AIDS by handling raw bloody meat?

?The butcher

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Wasp stings [3]

Dear Alice,

My husband was stung by, at best count, 26 guinea wasps. What would be the best treatment for the stings, which are very painful?

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Fleas, fleas everywhere, and I don't have pets? What happened and what can I do? [4]
Hi Alice,

I live in a one-bedroom apartment and I have never had any pets. I do not own cats, dogs, or any other pets. I saw 3 fleas in my apartment. My ankles and legs have a total of 20 bites; they are in sets of 2 each. I am itching like crazy. What I don't understand is how can I have a flea problem when I do not own any pets? Also what can I do to get rid of them? I'm also worried because I have an 18-month-old and I don't want them to bite her. What should I do?

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I was bitten by a mosquito ? West Nile virus? [5]

Dear Alice,

I just got a mosquito bite on my leg this weekend. With the West Nile virus scare in the tri-state area, how can I know whether or not I should be concerned? I imagine there must be others around New York who have this very same question.

Sincerely,
Once Bitten

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Bed bugs go 'chomp' in the night [6]

Dear Alice,

For the past few nights, I've been getting bug bites while I'm asleep in my bed. The bites are small, circular, and slightly raised, also extremely itchy. I live in an apartment by myself, with no pets, although there is a dog that lives in the building, two floors above me. I live in a studio on the bottom floor of this house. My compact kitchen is located very near my bed. I'm wondering about the cause of these bites. Bed bugs? Fleas? I'm also looking for ways to stop this. Insecticides? Changing my diet to make me less yummy?

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