## Mosquito bites are annoying and can transmit diseases to people and animals in California.

- West Nile virus to humans, horses, birds and many other animal species
- Heartworm to dogs, cats, bears, fox, and coyotes

## Do Mosquitoes Bite in the Forest? Of Course!



## **PROTECT** YOURSELF **FROM MOSQUITO BITES BY USING REPELLENTS!**

- Before you go outside, apply a repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR 3535 to exposed skin
- Pay careful attention when applying repellent to children - ALWAYS read and follow the label directions

medications

and vaccines are available at pet stores and through veterinarians at a reasonable cost.

**Protect Your Pets** 

**Preventative** 



PREVENTING MOSQUITO BITES IS KEY **TO PREVENTING MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES!** 



For more information, contact the Vector-Borne Disease Section: 916-552-9730 or visit www.westnile.ca.gov October 2009