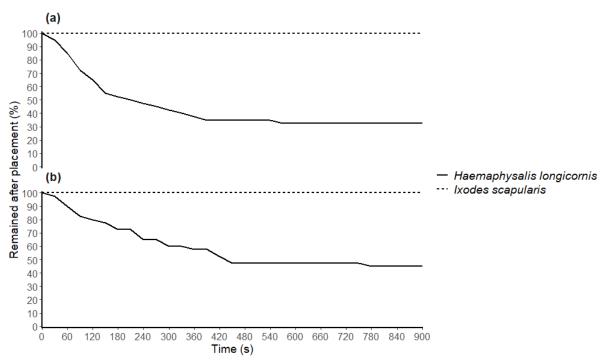
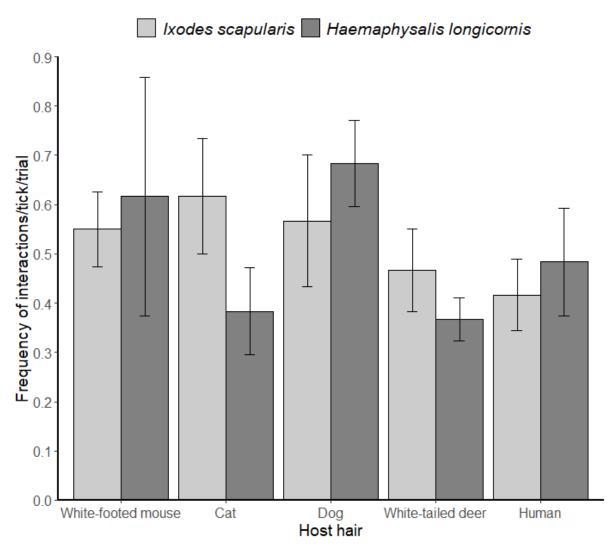
## **Supplementary material**



**Figure 1.** Percentage of *Haemaphysalis longicornis* (n = 40) or *Ixodes scapularis* (n = 30) larvae that remained after placement (time 0) on the (a) ear of the mouse and (b) mouse.



**Figure 2**. Number of interactions a larval tick (*Haemaphysalis longicornis* or *Ixodes scapularis*, n = 30) made with the interface of the host hair (white-footed mouse, cat, dog, white-tailed deer, and human) per trial.