



Flea infestation and its control.

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Besides being a real nuisance to you and your pets, these bugs can cause FAD (flea allergy dermatitis), carry and spread such serious diseases as tapeworms, cat scratch fever, typhus and bubonic plague. Fleas are unwelcome guests in our homes, as they are both a potential health risk and an irritation to everybody, whether its pets or people. Don't be a fleas' ride and spread their dominion. With all right steps it probably takes lots of effort to get fleas infestation under control.

Multi-Prong Approach. Treat your house, your pet and yourself, do it on the same day for maximum effectiveness. Repeat the whole process after a few weeks.

Treat Your Pet. Live leas represent only 5% of total population, rest of 95% are in different stages of life cycle. So seeing few fleas may be a tip of the iceberg. Pets with fleas act as salt shakers- spreading fleas, eggs everywhere. Based on the severity of flea infestation your veterinarian would recommend what are the best treatment options for your pet- oral meds to kill the adult fleas immediately and/or preventative monthly meds. We recommend Vectra 3D, which is good for all life stages of fleas. Year around flea prevention is best strategy to follow.

Treat Your Home. Most of the eggs laid on a pet fall from it, lodging themselves in crevices, carpets and furnishings, and, if not treated properly, can initiate a new infestation. It is to be noted that fleas can stay in their pupae stage for a couple months or even for a year before developing into the adult form. That's why it is important to take the following measures if you want to remove these little buggers completely:

machine-wash ALL bedding (including the bedding of your pet), rugs and all other fabrics in hot soapy water. Vacuum all furnishings, upholstery, smooth floors, carpets and rugs. Seal carefully the vacuum bag/vacuumed material in a plastic bag and place it in exterior garbage can after you're done. Keep vacuuming every day until problem is under control. You may have to use environmental spray or bombed your house to expedite the process of flea elimination.

Treat Outside. In recurrent flea infestation you may have to treat your yard, car or other commonly visited areas around too.

Treat Yourself. Though fleas usually feed off animals, they are more common on people than most think. You might feel their bites or spot them on your clothes, skin and hair. To protect yourself and any family members, check yourselves from time to time on presence of those dreaded insects, bathe regularly and wear clean clothes.

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