



Oromocto Veterinary Hospital

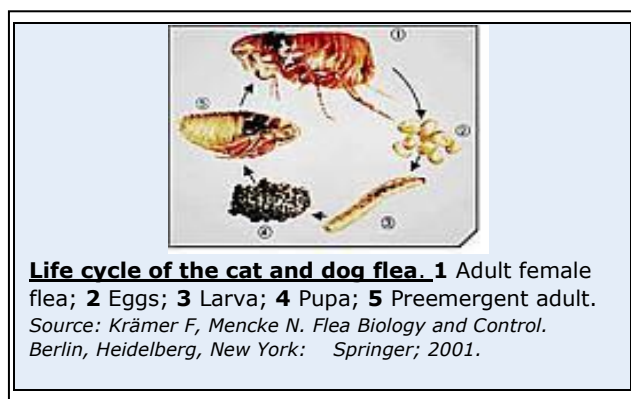
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Beat The Fleas!

Fleas have been found on your pet – What to do now? This is a common problem for our pets, and one that you will want to deal with right away. The staff at Oromocto Veterinary Hospital will help you to Beat the Fleas!

First, some information about the Flea Life cycle – this will explain why fleas keep coming back and how to get ahead of the flea's next generations. The life cycle of a flea is described in four different stages:



The Flea Life Cycle

All Adult fleas (1) develop similarly via four stages:

- Eggs (2): are laid 24 to 36 hours after first blood meal. **Note: One adult flea can lay 40 eggs per day!**
- Larvae (3): three larval stages, life span 5 to 12 days.
- Pupa (4): cocoon phase; best protected and resistant life stage. Can last up to 210 days.
- Preemergent adults (5): The waiting stage, emergence of adults upon stimuli (vibration, pressure, heat or carbon dioxide).

If you suspect a flea problem, do not fear, we will help you deal with an ongoing infestation. We will begin with treatments that are used for **ALL** pets in the household (for example, a monthly application of topical liquid, dual action collar or a monthly oral tablet to kill adult fleas). At least three to four months of pet treatment is necessary to get rid of all stages of the flea from your home.

Treatment of the house is the other component of control of flea infestations. The larval and pupa stages in the home need to be addressed, so spraying with a household flea spray is a big part of control.

Medical conditions related to flea infestations include flea allergy dermatitis (skin infections, rashes), anemia, feline infectious anemia, Bartonellosis, and tapeworm intestinal parasites. Your veterinarian may prescribe medications to clear up skin infections, control itch and to kill intestinal parasites.

Control of fleas begins with prevention. There are very good, SAFE products available from your veterinarian. To avoid flea problems next year, the staff at Oromocto Veterinary Hospital recommends starting flea prevention in the spring once the frost is out of the ground, and using it monthly all summer long. Use flea prevention products from April to November each year.

Please turn over for a list of available products to use on your pets for flea control. Please feel free to ask any Oromocto Veterinary Hospital staff member for information and guidance on how to best control fleas on your pet. This is also an appropriate time to decide which product is correct for your pet's lifestyle as some product can also help control ticks, heartworm and deworming.

Please turn over for Flea Product List



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Feline

Products to Control Fleas, Ticks, Intestinal Parasites and Heartworm:

Topical	Revolution –Controls fleas- adult, eggs, larvae and intestinal worms. Use once monthly.	Advantage Multi - Controls adult fleas, intestinal parasites and ear mites. Use once monthly.	Primidacide –Controls adult fleas only. Use once monthly.	Bravecto –Flea and tick preventive. Topical applied every 84 days (12 weeks).
Tablet	Capstar –Instant kill of adult fleas. Lasts for one day.			
Intestinal Parasites	Panacur –Granules or liquid that deworm for roundworm, hookworm, whipworm, and tapeworm.	Milbemax – Oral tablet that deworms for roundworm, hookworm and tapeworm.	Profender –Topical dewormer for roundworm, hookworm, and tapeworms.	Interceptor – Oral tablet that deworms for roundworm, hookworm and whipworm
Collar	Ovicollar Dual Action – Controls fleas, eggs and ticks for 3 - 7 months.		Ovicollar – Controls flea eggs laid on your cat for up to 12 months.	
Injection for Cats	Program Injection –Controls flea eggs. Injection lasts for six months.			
Spray for house	Siphotrol – NOT for use on pets. Area/Household spray. Effective at killing adult and pre-adult fleas and ticks. Has 7 month residual activity.			

NOTE: Some commercial products can be very dangerous to cats and younger pets. It is better to buy your flea products from a veterinary facility where the safety information and proper usage may be discussed at length, and you will have confidence in the selection of the appropriate products.

Please turn over for Flea Lifecycle and Medical Treatments