



## Oromocto Veterinary Hospital

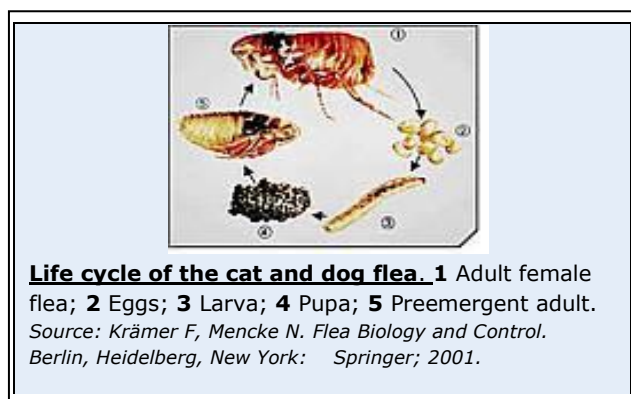
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### Beat The Fleas!

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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## Canine

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

<b>Topical</b>	<b>Revolution</b> –Controls fleas- adult, eggs, larvae, <b>ticks</b> , heartworm and intestinal worms. Dogs need heartworm/lyme blood test before use. Use once monthly.	<b>Advantage Multi</b> - Controls adult fleas, intestinal parasites, heartworm and ear mites. Dogs need heartworm/lyme blood test before use. Use once monthly.	<b>K-9 Advantix –Toxic to cats.</b> Controls adult fleas and <b>ticks</b> . Use once monthly.	<b>Primidacide</b> – Controls adult fleas only. Use once monthly.
<b>Multi Duo</b>				
<b>Toxic to cats. Advantage Multi</b> (controls adult fleas, intestinal parasites, heartworm and ear mites) applied on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the month, <b>K-9 Advantix</b> (controls adult fleas and <b>ticks</b> ) applied on the 15 <sup>th</sup> of the month. Dogs need a heartworm/lyme test before use.				
<b>Tablets: Fleas and Ticks</b>	<b>NexGard</b> –Flea and <b>tick</b> preventive. Use once monthly.	<b>Bravecto</b> –Flea and <b>tick</b> preventive. Oral chew given every 84 days (12 weeks).	<b>Simparica</b> – Flea and <b>tick</b> preventive. Use once monthly.	<b>Capstar</b> – Instant kill of adult fleas. Lasts for one day.
<b>Tablets: Heartworm and Intestinal Parasites</b>	<b>HeartGard</b> – Heartworm prevention and intestinal parasites. Dogs need a heartworm/lyme test before use. Use once monthly.	<b>Interceptor</b> – Heartworm prevention and intestinal parasites. Dogs need a heartworm/lyme test before use. Use once monthly.	<b>Trifexis</b> –Controls adult fleas, heartworm and intestinal parasites. Dogs need heartworm/lyme test before use. Use once monthly.	<b>Sentinel</b> - Controls flea eggs, heartworm and intestinal parasites. Dogs need a heartworm/lyme test before use. Use once monthly.
<b>GardPack</b>				
<b>NexGard</b> (Flea and <b>tick</b> preventive) given on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the month, <b>HeartGard</b> (Heartworm prevention and intestinal parasites) given on the 15 <sup>th</sup> of the month. Dogs need a heartworm/lyme test before use.				
<b>Intestinal Parasites (Tapeworms)</b>	<b>Dolpac</b> –Oral tablet that deworms for roundworm, hookworm, whipworm, and tapeworm.		<b>Panacur</b> –Granules or liquid that deworms for roundworm, hookworm, whipworm, and tapeworm.	
<b>Collar</b>	<b>Ovicollar Dual Action</b> –Controls fleas, eggs and <b>ticks</b> for 4 - 5 months.		<b>Ovicollar</b> – Controls flea eggs laid on your dog for up to 8 months.	
<b>Spray for house</b>	<b>Siphotrol</b> – <b>NOT for use on pets.</b> Area/Household spray. Effective at killing adult and pre-adult fleas and <b>ticks</b> . Has 7-month residual activity.			

NOTE: Some commercial products can be very dangerous to cats, small dogs 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