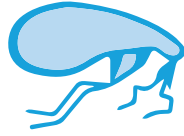


FLEAS & TICKS: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

What are fleas?

Fleas are small dark brown insects that feed on blood from cats, dogs and even humans. Fleas can jump over 3 feet in the air, which can give the illusion of flight, but they do not have wings.



How does my pet get fleas?

Your pet usually gets fleas from being outdoors or from another pet that goes outdoors. Adult fleas can jump onto your pet and hitch a ride into your house. Once on your pet, they stay there and take up to 400 blood meals a day! Their bite is very itchy.

How do I know if my pet has fleas?

Your pet might be very itchy. Also check your pet for live fleas or “flea dirt” on the lower back to the top of their tail. Fleas ingest the blood of their host and then their feces appears like dirt or a dark colored dandruff on our pets. Put a small amount of water on some of this “dirt”. If it turns red, then you have fleas in the environment.

I only see a few fleas on my pet, do I really have a problem?

For every flea that you see, there are about 100 immature fleas at different stages in your house ready to turn into adult fleas that will lay more eggs. A few fleas can turn into a big problem quickly!

What are ticks?

Ticks are members of the spider family and usually have dark to reddish brown bodies. They can vary in size from as small as a poppy seed all the way to about ½ inch when they are blood-engorged adults.



They attach to any mammals, including humans, to get a blood meal. Then they drop off into the environment.

How does my pet get ticks?

Ticks will often perch on grass blades or on trees and “catch” a ride on a passing animal. They also crawl along until they find and attach themselves to a sleeping or still animal. It’s important to check your pet for ticks if you have been out hiking or walking through tall grass with them.

Are ticks dangerous to my pets?

Ticks carry many dangerous diseases such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Ehrlichia, Lyme’s disease, Babesiosis and others. Many of these diseases can infect both your pet and your family!

How do I get rid of fleas and ticks and make sure my pet does not get them again?

There are some really great combination products, like Simparica, that kill both fleas and ticks for a full month with one dose. Protect your pet and your family by giving your pet flea and tick preventives every month of the year.

SIGNS FLEAS ARE PRESENT

- Scratching/Restless pet
- Welts and bumps
- Hair Loss
- Decreased Appetite
- Anemia/Pale Gums
- Dandruff that appears red/brown/rust colored
- Flea evidence (black/brown/white flakes/dirt/powder) where pet has been

SIGNS TICKS ARE PRESENT

- Unexplained Scabs
- Small unexplained bumps
- Fever
- Anemia/Pale Gums
- Ticks in the home (*brown dog tick)
- Swollen Lymph Nodes
- Tick paralysis

ZOONOTIC RISKS

FLEAS

- Tapeworms are most common risk. Historically credited with transmission of Typhus and the Plague.

TICKS

- CDC currently lists over 15 tick-borne diseases that are a risk for transmission in the US.

CARLYN SAYS:

Adult female fleas can lay up to 40 eggs per day resulting in hundreds of new fleas quickly.



THRIVE RECOMMENDS PREVENTION:

Veterinary quality flea and tick preventative (FDA & EPA Approved), EPA Approved Child and Pet Safe Environmental Treatment that Includes IGR.