

FLEAS & TICKS

Nobody wants to deal with fleas and ticks in their home. They are a nuisance that nearly all dog parents will have to deal with at some point in their fur babies lives.



Do we have Bugs?

If you suspect that your dog, may have fleas or ticks here are the signs to look out for:

- Excess scratching & chewing on themselves
- Small black flecks (more commonly known as flea dirt) or red bumps/pimples on the base of the tail, tummy or inner thigh
- Ticks are seen as tiny to large bumps with many small legs that bury into your dog's skin and swell after feeding

What do we do?

1. BATHE YOUR DOG

If you don't have flea shampoo, use blue dawn dish soap. Make sure you wet their neck and soap all the way around so fleas don't go onto your dog's head and into their eyes.



2. TREAT YOUR DOG

Get flea treatment from your vet!

Many treatments nowadays are chewable which can also provide prevention from ticks or heartworms.

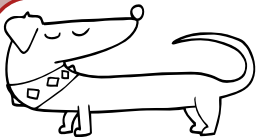
3. TREAT YOUR ENVIRONMENT

You have to treat the environment after you clean it. This can include using bombs, powders, sprays or even professional treatments. If you choose to use the bombs, please remember to wash all dishes, change toothbrushes and other similar items afterwards because the spray does get everywhere.

4. CLEAN YOUR ENVIRONMENT

killing the fleas & ticks on their pets isn't enough. There are eggs and pupae in the carpet, in between the floor boards, and even in your car. Vacuum everything! Carpet, curtains, couches, rugs, pillows, mattresses...EVERYTHING! Wash bedding, clothes, and all fabrics in hot water. Dispose of vacuum bags ASAP because fleas can survive in there and crawl back out of the hoses

Did you know?



A female flea can lay 50 eggs per day

Fleas can jump up to 150 times their body length

Indoor only pets are not safe from fleas & ticks

All dogs are allergic to fleas, some dogs have stronger allergic reactions

Ticks like to hide (burrow) in crevasses such as wood and bricks and tree bark up to 4 feet off the ground

Ticks can live as long as 200 days without food or water and they can live from 2 months to 2 years, depending on the species.



While having these uninvited guests make themselves welcome in your home can seem overwhelming, bug infestation woes can not only be fixed, but kept at bay for as long as you have pets.

