Fun Flea Facts

- The optimal condition for the flea life cycle to occur is between temperatures of 70-85°F and a humidity level of 70%.
- Tampa Bay Area is known as the "Flea Capital" of the United States!
- The life cycle of a flea is generally about 8 to 12 weeks, but the adult flea can survive in the pupa for up to 8 months or even a year without a blood meal.
- The hatching of adult fleas from the pupae is triggered by vibrations (walking around), heat, carbon dioxide (what you breathe out), and warm, moist environments.
- Fleas like to live in shadowy areas and look at a light source. They wait for a shadow to pass by and jump on its source. It could be your pet or even the clothes you are wearing to hitchhike a ride to your pet.
- Fleas can propel their bodies up to 200 times their body length.
- The female flea can ingest 15 times of their body weight in blood daily.
- Female fleas need 24 hours of feeding before they can lay their first egg.
- Female fleas can lay up to 40 to 50 eggs per day (2000+ in their lifetime).

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to give us a call!
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