



Helpful Tips for Areas Affected by Fleas

YOUR PET

- 🐾 Consult with your veterinarian to determine the best flea preventative product for your pet.
- 🐾 Treat ALL of the pets in the household on the same day, even if they are indoor only.
- 🐾 Treat pets with their flea preventative EVERY 30 DAYS ALL YEAR ROUND (even if you don't see any fleas).
- 🐾 If you are BATHING your pet that is on a TOPICAL flea preventative:
 - Use a SOAP-FREE shampoo and conditioner.
 - Allow one day before, or one day after a bath to apply product.
- 🐾 Most preventatives start killing adult fleas anywhere from 30 minutes to 4 hours.

There is NO product that will create a BARRIER to prevent fleas from jumping onto your pet. Fleas have to come into contact with the product to have any affect.

INSIDE YOUR HOME

- 🐾 VACUUM
 - Weekly vacuuming your carpets, tile or wood flooring and upholstered surfaces can remove up to 90% of eggs and 50% of larvae.
 - Remove the bag or empty the container outside and take it straight to the dumpster.
 - Vacuum prior to applying any indoor insecticides
 - Steam cleaning is another great tool.
- 🐾 WASHING ITEMS
 - Wash your pet's bedding or blankets that they sleep on weekly.
 - The water should be above 60°C to kill the larvae and eggs.
 - Wash any throw rugs that you may have around the home.
- 🐾 TREAT YOUR HOME WITH ADULTICIDES AND IGRs
 - Be sure to read and follow the instructions for use and safety protocols.
 - Available in sprays, foggers and bombs.

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OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- 🐾 Strays, opossums, raccoons, coyotes, and other animals can act as walking “salt-shakers” and distribute flea eggs outside your home.
- 🐾 Common areas that act as sources for flea populations:
 - Under porches
 - Crawl spaces
 - Along fence lines
 - Under bushes, shrubs, or gardens
- 🐾 Treat the outdoors with products that are used to kill adults and contain IGRs
 - Read and follow instructions and safety protocols.

Areas in direct sunlight that are dry are NOT favorable to fleas.

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

- 🐾 Indoor Use:
 - Borax (boric acid)
 - Fleabuster RX for Fleas Plus Flea Powder
 - Virbac Knockout ES Area Treatment
 - Virbac Room and Area Fogger
- 🐾 Outdoor Use:
 - Bayer Advanced Complete Insect Killer for Lawns
 - Bayer Advanced Garden PowerForce Multi-Insect Killer Ready-To-Spray
 - Virbac Yard Spray

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

- PinellasVet.com

- AVMA.com

- CAPC.org

- DrMichaelDryden.com

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