



## Got Fleas?

**Did you know that the spring and fall are the worst times for fleas? Is your pet scratching a lot? If you're seeing fleas or if you're noticing flea dirt then it's time to treat for fleas! Left untreated, fleas can cause skin infections, tapeworms and anemia.**

Answer these simple questions and then ask the Front Desk Staff or a Technician to assist you.

1. Are you using a monthly topical flea and tick preventive such as Frontline or Canine Advantix? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you treated your pet for 3 months in a row? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you treating all the pets in your home? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you applying the topical flea and tick preventive at least 48 hours before or after a bath? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you treated the environment? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered **YES** to all these questions and you still have fleas, we recommend trying a **different brand** of preventive, especially if you are using an OTC brand. Some dogs respond better to different products. You can purchase single doses or boxes of Frontline, Canine Advantix, Feline Advantage or Revolution thru us. Each product is slightly different so let us help you pick the one that is best suited to your pet's needs. Unopened vials can be returned if they are not working on your pet.

If you answered **NO** to any of these questions here is a checklist of how to get rid of the fleas.

1. \_\_\_\_ If your pet is already infested, ask the front desk about a product call Capstar that a Doctor can prescribe to 'jump start' this process. It is an oral tablet that you give once to kill adult fleas and begins working within a half hour.
2. \_\_\_\_ **Bath** your pet with any pet shampoo or Dawn dish detergent. This will kill adult fleas and give your pet immediate relief.
3. \_\_\_\_ Wait at least 48 hours **after** bathing before applying a topical Flea and Tick product.
4. \_\_\_\_ While you're waiting to apply the product, **treat the environment.**
  - o Vacuum carpets and furniture
  - o Use an area treatment to treat carpet and any fabric in the house. We carry Knock Out spray and Fleas bombs for this purpose.
  - o Wash all pet beds or blankets they sleep or lie on
  - o Empty and clean your vacuum **outside** when you are finished
  - o A professional exterminator may be necessary
5. \_\_\_\_ **Apply the topical flea and tick preventive for 3 months in a row on all pets** in the household. This is how long it takes to break the life cycle of the flea.

Remember: Advantix and Frontline are BITE and KILL products. This means you may still see live fleas for up to 24 hours. Fleas and Ticks should be dying with in this time and if they are not it signifies the need to change products.

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**Please call the office for help or to schedule an appointment if needed!**  
Our business hours are Monday-Friday 8 am to 8 pm and Saturday 8 am to 12 pm