

FLEA CONTROL

Spot treat the yard.

- Treat shady areas, damp areas, doghouses, and other areas where <animal> spends the majority of time.
- Use our recommended residual sprays for longer lasting effect.
- Spraying is most effective when the ground is damp. (Keep pets off until completely DRY!)
- Repeat spraying every 3-4 weeks. (Do **not** use these products on <animal>!!)

Treat the house.

- We recommend a professional exterminator. Current laws now prevent the over-the-counter sale of the most effective flea control products. Use a professional exterminator who will give you a written guarantee to solve the problem. You will find this to be the most Cost-effective way to treat the house. Solicit quotes from several exterminators in the area. Be sure to compare guarantees. Get it in writing.

If you choose to “do it yourself,” we recommend **Ultraban®**. It is available at our hospital along with instructions on proper use.

In our opinion, foggers are not effective!

- Vacuum the house thoroughly, at least once each week to remove eggs.
- Bathe the pet every 2 weeks in **Mycodex™ 3x**, **Synerky™ Flea Shampoo**, **Ectokyl™ Shampoo**, or **Davis™ Flea Shampoo**. These products are safe and can be used as often as necessary to keep the pet clean and remove fleas. Most over-the-counter shampoos will dry out the hair coat if used too frequently. A common complaint we hear from clients using over-the-counter products is “I bathed <animal> but now he even scratches more!” That is due to using a shampoo that does not have the proper pH balance.
- **Use Frontline TopSpot® Once Each Month.** These drops are applied to the skin of <animal> every 4 weeks. The product is very safe and effective. This product is not inactivated by water, as is the case with some other products.
- **Use a OVITROL® Flea Egg Collar** for flea egg control. The collar will last for 12 months. An alternative is to use **PROGRAM™ Flea Prevention** once each month. This tablet sterilizes the female flea so the flea eggs she produces before she dies will never hatch out.
- **Use cedar chips** for bedding and attach a “**No Pest Strip**” to the underneath side of the dog house floor for dogs kept outside.

All pets in the household must be treated at the same time. To win your war with fleas, it is important to treat the yard, house, and pet at the same time using appropriate products for each.

Don't waste your money on over-the-counter products and “quick cures.” Most do not work. There is “no free lunch.” Do it right—or lose the war!