

FLEAS AND YOUR PET

FLEAS are very common in dogs and cats, and since the arrival of central heating are capable of breeding all year round. Fleas are not just irritating. They can cause serious health problems for your pet as well as biting you and your family. They can lead to skin damage, eczema and 'self trauma'. Many animals may also suffer from an allergic reaction to flea bites (flea allergy dermatitis. F.A.D) which can cause inflammation, with irritation and hair loss.

AS DOG FLEAS CAN LIVE ON CATS AND VICE-VERSA, IT IS VITAL TO TREAT ALL THE ANIMALS IN THE HOUSE TO ELIMINATE THE PROBLEM. IN ADDITION, FLEAS FREQUENTLY TRANSMIT TAPEWORMS.

IF REGULAR AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT IS NOT USED VAST NUMBERS OF FLEAS WILL DEVELOP IN A SHORT SPACE OF TIME, LEADING TO CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS FOR ALL INVOLVED!

TREATMENT AND CONTROL

There are several products on the market, some far more effective than others. **IT IS VITAL TO USE A RELIABLE PRODUCT AT THE RIGHT TIME. IF THIS IS CARRIED OUT, FLEA CONTROL IS EASY.**

REMEMBER YOU MUST ALSO TREAT THE BEDDING. (blankets, carpets, kennels) as well as your pet.

PRODUCTS

- 1) **ADVANTAGE** – A Spot on treatment. A liquid pipette applied to the skin at the back of the neck. Simple to use. One application per month. It will kill 98-100% of adult fleas within 24 hrs. It will keep your pet flea free for one month.
- 2) **STRONGHOLD/ADVOCATE** – Also a spot on treatment applied to the back of the neck. It is effective against fleas and roundworms in dogs and cats as well as other important parasites such as sarcoptic mange in dogs, ear mites in cats and heartworm larvae in both dogs and cats. It can be used from six weeks of age.
- 3) **COLLARS & POWDERS** – Not very effective. Only work on direct contact with fleas.
- 4) **FRONTLINE** – A spray. Kills fleas on contact. Topical pump action. Single treatment lasts for 3 months in dogs and 2 months in cats. It will also work against ticks.
- 5) **ACCLAIM** – a spray used to kill LARVAE and ADULT FLEAS living in the bedding, furniture, carpets etc. Flea larvae thrive in the environments created at the base of carpets, under cushions and down the back of sofas. These are not affected by the treatments applied to your pet, so your home must be treated to eliminate them. It will last for up to twelve months.