

Fleas can pose a serious problem for your pet's health:

Not only can fleas make your pet miserable, but depending on their age and physical condition, fleas can pose a serious threat to their health.

Fleas can cause discomfort for pets, including scratching, chewing, biting and restlessness. Fleas are the source of flea allergy dermatitis (FAD), the most common veterinary skin condition.

Severe flea infestations can cause anaemia, especially in young, small or ill pets.

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Your pet isn't the only one that can suffer from flea bites. Flea infestations in homes often result in humans being bitten by newly emerging fleas.

Allergic reactions - usually in the form of small, raised lesions, called papules, that can be red to purple in colour.

Tapeworm - generally spread through infected fleas found on both cats and dogs. Ingestion of infected fleas by children can result in tapeworm infection.

Typhus - a group of infectious diseases usually resulting in a sustained high fever, headache, delirium and sometimes red rashes.

How to treat fleas in the house

- Firstly, thoroughly clean your house as fleas and their eggs can live in carpets and upholstery.
- Wash or bin pet bedding or upholstery which is infested.
- To treat a home; use flea sprays or flea bombs.

How to deal with Fleas



Treatments

To treat your pet; use recommended creams, collars, medicine, vaccinations and regular cleaning.

To treat yourself; use antiseptic creams, resist the urge to scratch bites and get in contact with a doctor.

Keep your house and garden really clean

Regular vacuuming of carpets, rugs and furniture is the best preventative. Empty to vacuum cleaner outside after every clean and tip the contents.

Fleas can also live outside, so it's important to clean your garden or yard to prevent them reattaching to pets or family- you can use flea sprays to do this.

How to prevent fleas

Buy a preventative pet cream or collar available in most local supermarkets as well as at the Vets and use them even if the fleas appear to have gone as their eggs may still remain.