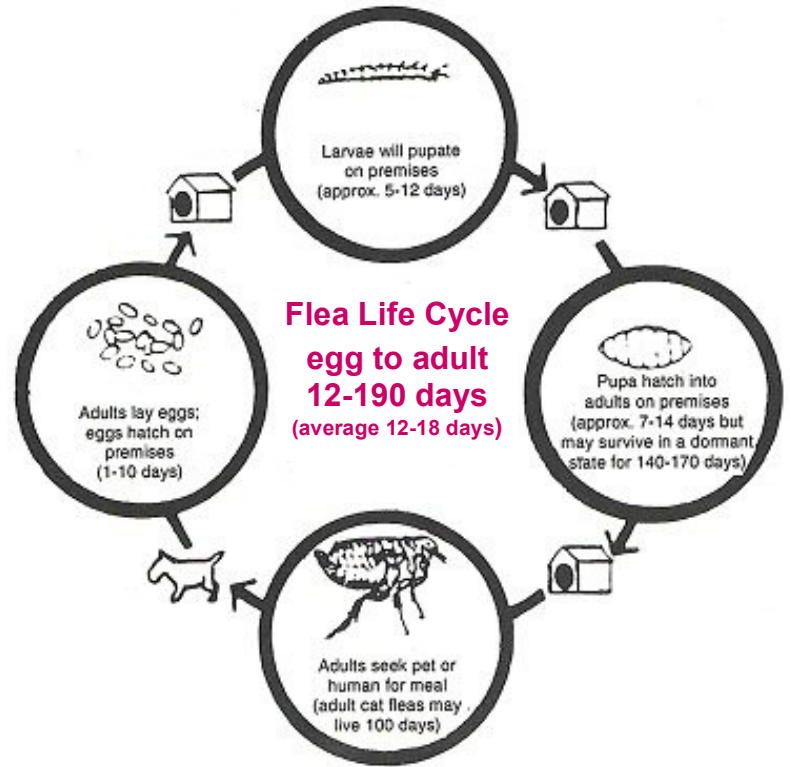




Fleas 101

Facts, Tips, and Hints to Insure Successful Flea Control

- Fleas are parasites with only one food source, **BLOOD!** Feeding on the blood of dogs, cats, rodents and even humans is the only way the flea life cycle can survive.
- Female fleas will lay up to 300-400 eggs in their lifetime.
- Adult fleas can leap 100 times their own height perpetuating infestations.
- Seeing even one flea on your pet is only a symptom of a much larger problem since studies indicate that for each flea you see on your pet, there are 10 eggs, 7 larvae, and 2 pupa in the environment.
- Female fleas lay eggs on the host animal (dog, cat, stray or wild animals) and quickly fall off infesting the lawn, carpet, sofa, dog or owners bed creating an infestation throughout the environment..



WORKING TOGETHER...A GUIDE FOR SUCCESSFUL FLEA CONTROL

1. Pets must be professionally treated for fleas on the same day your home and lawn are treated. Over-the-counter shampoos, collars and treatments are not aggressive enough treatments for a flea infestations. Ask your vet about long-term flea treatment options including topical or oral treatments..
2. Before the technician arrives, vacuum all floor and carpeted areas as well as upholstered furniture. Dispose of the vacuum cleaner bag to prevent re-infestations. Remove all clutter such as boxes, newspapers, toys, etc from flooring areas.
3. Wash pet bedding Make sure all clutter is removed from flooring areas for best results.
4. Mow and lightly water the lawn. Remove toys from the yard.
5. Pets must be removed from the home until all surfaces are dry. Pets and people may return home in about 2 hours after all surfaces are dry.
6. A growth regulator was applied to your home and lawn to inhibit the development of the flea life cycle. It is normal to see some fleas for 2-3 weeks after treatment due to the pupa emerging from their cocoon which chemical will not penetrate. The chemical residual affect will eliminate pupa as the emerge.
7. Vacuum again 24 hours after your flea treatment and on regular intervals since vibration will speed up the pupa cycle and shorten the time frame in which you will see fleas in your home and lawn.
8. To maintain a flea free environment, be aware that fleas can be reintroduced to your home and lawn through stray and wild animals as well your pet visiting areas where fleas are present.