

## How to Get Rid of Fleas:

### **1.) Treat pet correctly:**

-Make sure you are using a high quality flea product like Frontline or Advantage and make sure you are applying it correctly. If you are unsure, we would be happy to have a technician discuss or demonstrate application. (Pets must be at least 2 months old for these products) Flea collars rarely work. Ask us about a product if you are using something other than above products.

-Avoid pyrethrin/permethrin etc. containing products for cats- Can be toxic!

-Do not bathe pet for at least 2 days after application.

-You should be applying the product every 3-4 weeks for a minimum of 3 months, but it is best to apply it all year round.

-Make sure you are treating every pet in the household as well as those who come to visit.

### **2.) Treat environment**

-You must get rid of the fleas and eggs in the environment. Eggs can be dormant for months and can hatch up to a year later!

-Vacuum (all kinds of flooring) every room in house/garage, etc. every few days for 3-4 weeks. Make sure you move and vacuum behind and underneath furniture, behind curtains and underneath/between furniture cushions. Throw away vacuum bag or empty canister and remove from house every time.

-Wash all fabric/bedding where pet lays in the warmest water possible.

-The above may be enough in mild cases, but it is best to also treat house with flea and flea egg killing product. We recommend either Siphotrol/Knock Out spray and Flea Busters powder. (Flea bombs rarely work since they only cover surfaces, not underneath things, etc.) For either product follow product directions exactly and make sure you get under furniture, between cushions, etc. Do not expose pets to the sprays until dry.

Flea product failure- Studies have shown that this rarely happens. Most commonly the real cause for continued flea infestation is failure to get rid of eggs from the environment. Frontline and Advantage are great products, but if thousands of fleas are jumping onto the pet daily the product may not be able to keep up with this constant bombardment of fleas. If you are unable to get rid of fleas after 2 months of following ALL of the above rules, please let us know. Also, we strongly recommend purchasing Flea Busters- it takes up to 5 weeks to fully work, but it is guaranteed to kill fleas and eggs for 1 full year.

