



DEALING WITH FLEAS

When it comes to fleas, prevention is better than cure!
The only way to avoid fleas is by using regular, good quality flea control.

FLEAS

- Fleas are common and can easily be picked up on walks;
- The best treatment for fleas is prevention - not cure - and there are a range of products available;
- If your dog catches fleas, your home must be treated with spray to get rid of the infestation;
- Flea eggs can lie dormant in cracks and crevices for anything up to a year;
- Your dog may be scratching itself more if it has fleas and flea dirt could be visible in the fur.

TREATMENTS

There are a vast array of treatments available but spot on treatments and medication in the form of tablets and injections are the only effective long-term methods of flea control.

Spot on treatments

Spot on treatments where a liquid is applied to the back of your dog's neck have become a very popular method of flea control and are very effective.

Tablets and injections

Tablets and injections are also a good option if you have problems with using spot on treatments.

Flea combs

This is not an effective method of flea control and is not a preventative but may be useful if you suspect your dog has fleas.

Flea powders

Powders are not an effective treatment as the powder is only active for a few days while it is still on coat and have no long term effect.

Flea collars

The collars have growth-inhibiting substances in them to stop fleas growing but most are not reliable enough. Some can also cause irritation to your pet.

Flea treatment shampoo

Again, not a long-term effective solution for combating fleas as it will only kill the fleas on your dog at the time of bathing and does not prevent them from redeveloping.

Treating your home

Thorough vacuuming followed by the use of an insecticide spray containing an insect growth regulator is a good way of eliminating fleas in the home and other areas.

