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FLEA TREATMENT

Fleas can be harmful to pets, causing scratching and fur loss, tapeworm, bites that lead to anemia and even trips to the vet. And while fleas are seldom dangerous to people, they are a significant nuisance that can bite humans, causing irritation.

Fleas are difficult to get rid of due to the small amount of times it takes for them to multiply. A female flea often lays an average of 27 eggs per day over a 50 day time span, which adds up to a lot of new fleas. The eggs hatch and larvae develop in the nap of carpet, furniture, pet bedding and even the cracks in hardwood floors. When the larvae pupate and emerge as adults, the life cycle continues, creating further frustrations for people and animals alike.

We cannot stress to people wanting to eliminate fleas how vitally important it is to adequately prep all areas before treatment.

Proper Preparation For Effective Flea Treatment

Direct product contact with surfaces where fleas live is critical to eliminating them. The outcome of treatment is dependent on the prep work done before any flea products are applied. If you are diligent with the following, the likelihood of success increases:

- Remove loose items from floors: toys, clothes, bowls, etc. Be sure to get under beds and the bottom of closets too.
- Vacuum all areas of home, including baseboards, furniture and under all cushions and pullows and especially where pets spend the most time. Make sure you put the vacuum cleaner bag in the outdoor trash can.
- Thoroughly mop all tile and wood floors.
- Wash all pet bedding in the hottest water possible or dispose of bedding.
- Bathe pets.
- Cover fish tanks and unplug pumps.

In addition, some maintenance should be performed outside if we are also performing service outside the home:

- Lawns should be mowed shortly before treatment.
- Outdoor children's toys and pet toys should be put away.
- The area should be free from all clutter.

You will need to leave the property during treatment and stay away for at least 2 hours after treatment is complete.

You must thoroughly vacuum all areas of your home again 24 hours after treatment, and do so every 3 - 4 days for the next 3 weeks following treatment. The vacuum suction stimulates the adult fleas to emerge from their cocoons where they are either physically removed or come in contact with the residual from the treatment and die. Be sure you throw away the vacuum bag outside the home after each vacuuming.