

TOP FLEA CONTROL TIPS

Pets are part of your family, but the fleas they bring into your home are not. Learn what to look for and what to do to keep fleas from hitchhiking on you or a furry friend.



Identification

Adult fleas are usually easy to see when they jump onto you or your pet and can sometimes be seen crawling along your pet's skin or fur. But what do fleas actually look like?

Size: 2.5 to 3.00mm long

Color: shiny, reddish-brown

Body shape: thin and flattened

No wings: fleas are wingless but can jump long distances

PREVENTION

Maintaining your property and removing potential flea attractors can help prevent fleas from latching onto you or your pet:

- Eliminate shaded areas around your home that could house fleas.
- Maintain the foliage in your yard by trimming bushes, cutting grass and pulling weeds.
- Minimize leaf litter that can attract fleas and provide shelter.
- Keep raccoons, opossums, deer and rodents off your property.

PROTECTION

If fleas are biting your pet, you may notice your pet repeatedly scratching or grooming. To protect your pet from fleas:

- Groom and bathe your pet frequently.
- Vacuum, wash and dry pet bedding regularly.
- Talk to your veterinarian about recommended flea collars, treatments and shampoos.

DIY FLEA TRICKS



- 1** If you aren't sure whether fleas are jumping around your home, use soap, water and light to create the perfect flea trap. Shine light from a desk lamp onto a bowl of soapy water overnight and watch the fleas flock. Fleas will be attracted to the light and get stuck in the water. Just be sure to keep the bowl out of your pet's reach!

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- Though not scientifically proven, you can create your own natural DIY flea spray by adding lemon and rosemary to boiling water. Once cooled, put the liquid in a spray bottle and spray on your pet's bedding twice a day.



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