

Fleas

Treatment Advice



One of the most important things to understand when any treatment is carried out for fleas is the life cycle.

Here are some facts about fleas:-

- One flea can lay up to 25 eggs per day
- Fleas develop from egg to larvae to pupae to adult in 18-26 days (depending on temperature)
- Fleas can only lay eggs after taking blood from the host animal.

Pet and House Management

This can help to reduce any problems.

- Animal grooming – combing the pet with a comb will help to destroy eggs.
- Vacuuming the carpets and furniture will pick up eggs.
- Cleaning the area where the pet's favourite sleeping place is.

Why you may have fleas and not have an animal

1. In the summer months fleas can survive outside and be carried into the house.
2. Visitors may have animals and transport fleas into your home.
3. You can visit other people with animals and transport fleas back to your house.
4. Moving into a property, you could inherit a flea problem from the previous occupier.

Advice following flea treatment

We expect that the flea treatment carried out will be successful and we hope that the following advice will also be of assistance.

The floors of your property will be covered by a layer of insecticide which is odourless and invisible. It has a very good residual effect which means that it will continue to work for some time if left undisturbed. Adult fleas will be killed within a few days but the floor should not be vacuumed, swept or washed if possible for two weeks after treatment because there will still be eggs which will continue to hatch.

As the eggs hatch and develop, you might find fleas reappearing 7-10 days after treatment. This is quite normal and provided the insecticide remains in place, it will kill them. This is why it is important not to carry out cleaning which might remove insecticide.

If you have a cat or dog at the premises, it should also be treated for fleas without delay using a veterinary recommended treatment. If you require further information on this, please consult your vet.

Causes of re-infestation

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1. Vacuuming before two week period.
2. Bringing more fleas from other premises.
3. Not treating your pet or not following the product's instructions.

If you still have fleas after a 14 day period, please contact us and we will arrange for a Pest Control Officer to investigate further.

Please keep this form for future reference.

For advice and leaflets on a wide range of household and garden pests, visit our website at **www.eastbourne.gov.uk/pestcontrol**