

FLEA TREATMENT INFORMATION SHEET

This property has been treated for fleas in the areas stated on the receipt.

Please read the following information.

FLEAS IN WAITING

The life cycle of the flea is similar to that of a moth – egg larva (caterpillar), pupa (cocoon) and adult. A newly hatched adult flea is unfed, small black and aggressive; the larger adult fleas have had a blood meal and may be laying eggs on your pet. For every flea on your pet there may be hundreds waiting to emerge.

In summer a flea may be ready to hatch from the pupa about 7 – 14 days after it is formed. This hatching is triggered by movement. In a vacant house, a flea can remain dormant in its pupa for more than 18 months. Fleas will continue to hatch from their pupae after the pest control treatment; unfortunately insecticides cannot penetrate the flea pupal case. The adult flea will die after a few hours contact with the residual treatment, - both on your pet and in the environment.

The solution for successful flea control is treatment of:

- 1) The pet
- 2) The pet's environment (if necessary inside & outside the house)

TREATMENT MUST INCLUDE ALL AREAS FREQUENTED BY THE PET

1) Indoors – Treat dogs & cats with an appropriate product on the same day. Outdoors – Treat outdoor areas frequented by pet.

2) Treat at a time when it can be assured the house will be occupied for at least the next 2 full weeks. The more noise and vibration in the house the greater will be the stimulus for fleas to hatch.

DO NOT AVOID FLEA INFESTED AREAS AFTER TREATMENT

3) Do not vacuum, or wash floor for 7 – 10 days after treatments. Doing so will cause the treatment to be less affective.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR FLEA TREATMENT

1) Directly after treatment the adult flea population will die very quickly. You will see virtually no large light brown fleas.

2) A short while later you may begin to see newly emerged fleas. These will be controlled by the treatment also. Depending on the size of the pupal population in the environment, these small back fleas may continue to appear in decreasing numbers for up to six weeks.

3) The effect of the treatment in the environment will last longer if on-animal care is regularly maintained.

Householders sometimes think flea treatments are ineffective because the pupae are quite resistant to chemical treatments and fleas continue to emerge from pupal cases even after being treated. If the treatments was not working there would be many thousands of fleas increasing in population over the period of weeks, not small number which are normal. Ten fleas can potentially reproduce to 250,000 in only 30 days.

Patience is needed during the month after flea treatments, as the process of fleas hatching is unavoidable & necessary, as the fleas cannot die until they have hatched. After hatching the fleas will only survive for a short period. During this time the new fleas will need to jump around on the treated Surface before the treatment can kill the flea. The flea will bit during this time & can cause discomfort before they die. In the case of the home being vacant this hatching process will take longer as movement is needed in the home to hatch the eggs. The full flea hatching & dying cycle cannot commence until the home is fully occupied, and this process will normally take up to 6 weeks to complete.

Warranty Claims

No home will be re-sprayed prior to 6 weeks of the home being fully occupied. Doing so will not speed up the fleas hatching process but may cause unnecessary chemical build up.