

FLEAS & FLEA PREVENTION



My dog has fleas!!! What do I do to get rid of them? How can I know if the recommended product is actually safe for my dog?

Prevention of fleas is absolutely necessary, or you will end up with an infestation in your home and yard. They love moist, warm conditions, and they love your carpet and furniture. If you live in a climate where they are an issue, you will end up with a very serious problem at some point that will be very hard to eliminate. Don't wait until you have a problem. Prevent them from becoming a problem.

Our recommendation is to prevent and treat as naturally as possible. Chemicals are not always safe and have long lists of possible reactions, and even death. Just because your vet may recommend a product, doesn't mean you should use it. If you look up flea information online, you will see there are a lot of viewpoints on the safety of certain products, some of which have been linked to serious issues and even death. It is up to you to research products being recommended to be put on your dog. He relies on you for his safety and well being.

The list below is just a sampling of natural things you can do to prevent flea problems. For more detailed information about other options, Google is your friend. If you have received this packet of info, then you have a computer and can access information online. Search for "natural flea treatment" and you'll find a ton of information. Here is just one link filled with helpful information. <http://www.onlynaturalpet.com/holistic-healthcare-library/fleas-ticks/53/the-natural-approach-to-flea-control.aspx>

For natural treatment:

- Natural Diatomaceous Earth (Put in a lawn spreader and use weekly in all areas of your yard, sprinkle over carpet and furniture and let sit overnight then vacuum thoroughly, use a mask when using DE as the dust can be harmful to your lungs and your dog's lungs.)
- Natural flea collars (Put 3-5 drops of cedar or lavender oil in 1 Tbl water. Use a dropper and drop on dog's collar or on bandana and tie around the neck. Repeat weekly.)
- Sprinkle salt over your carpet and let sit for 7 days then vacuum. Repeat every week as needed. Discard vacuum bag after each time you vacuum.
- 2 cups rosemary leaves + 2 pints boiling water. Boil for 30 minutes. Discard leaves and add rosemary water to 6 pints of warm water to make a gallon of natural flea dip. Rinse your dog's body thoroughly with the rosemary water
- Add 1 tsp Braggs Apple Cider Vinegar to a quart of water and use for your dog's drinking water.
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar + 1 quart water + 2-3 drops lavender or cedar oil + spray bottle. Spray on your dog's coat being careful to not get in the eyes, ears, nose.
- Wondercide – All natural flea and tick product. Can be ordered from Amazon or other sources online.

*****For families adopting a puppy from us our contract does not allow the use of the following products: Comfortis, Trifexis, Bravecto, & Nexguard.** They are linked to severe reactions and even death. A quick search online will show all the issues with the products. Because of this, we will not honor our health warranty should you choose to use one of those products at your vet's recommendation. There are many others at your disposal to use, should you not choose to use a natural alternative such as those above. Please look out for your four legged friend before putting chemicals on or in his body. His life is in your hands!