

FLEAS & TICKS & DISEASE, OH MY!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! UNFORTUNATELY FOR OUR PETS THIS MEANS FLEAS AND TICKS WILL BE BACK IN ABUNDANCE. FLEAS AND TICK CAN MAKE LIFE VERY UNCOMFORTABLE FOR YOUR PET. BITES AND ITCHY SKIN ARE SOMETIMES THE LEAST OF YOUR PET'S PROBLEMS. FLEAS AND TICKS CARRY A RANGE OF DISEASE THAT CAN MAKE YOUR PET VERY SICK. TICKS, FOR EXAMPLE, SOMETIMES CARRY LYME DISEASE. LYME DISEASE IS BECOMING COMMON IN ONTARIO.

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FLEAS AND TICKS, BUT YOU CAN CONTROL THEM. THE BEST STRATEGY IS A PROACTIVE ONE.

- ~ INDOOR PETS ARE AT LOWER RISK THAN OUTDOOR PETS FOR ACQUIRING FLEAS AND TICKS.
- ~ REGULAR GROOMING CAN ALERT YOU EARLY, BEFORE THE INFESTATION BECOMES DIFFICULT TO MANAGE.
- ~ LOOK AND FEEL FOR LUMPS AND BUMPS THAT MAY BE A TICK.
- ~ VACUUM CARPETS AND KEEP AREAS CLEAN WHERE HE PLAYS AND SLEEPS.
- ~ CONSIDER USING A FLEA COLLAR ON YOUR PET, OR TREATING WITH ONCE-A-MONTH PARASITE PROTECTION. YOUR VETERINARIAN CAN DISCUSS THE SAFEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE OPTION FOR YOUR PET.

DID YOU KNOW THAT FEEDING YOUR DOGS ONIONS DOESN'T CURE FLEAS? IN FACT, ONIONS (RAW OR COOKED) CAN BE CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS TO YOUR DOG.

PROTECTING PETS FROM HARM IS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PROMISES THAT BONDS PEOPLE AND THEIR PETS.

THE AVERAGE FLEA LIFE CYCLE

✳️ THE AVERAGE FLEA LIFE CYCLE IS 3 - 8 WEEKS FROM EGG TO ADULT.

✳️ ALL FLEAS COME TO YOUR PET FROM A HATCHING PUPAE IN THE ENVIRONMENT.

✳️ PET TO PET TRANSMISSION IS RARE.

