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Veterinary Surgeons

Controlling fleas on pets

How often should I treat my pet for fleas?

One of our vets will give you an “on-animal” treatment to put on your pet to help eradicate its flea problem. This will work in the short term, but your pet will need regular treatment to ensure the infestation does not return. Write reminders on your calendar so that you don't forget!

Will the on-animal flea treatment be enough?

No – fleas are extremely persistent and tough. The flea life cycle allows for flea pupae to lie dormant – in carpets, blankets, upholstery etc – for up to a year. If you have animals in the house there is a strong possibility that you will have to treat your home too. We can help by providing a good environmental flea spray to do this.

Where should I use the spray?

You will need to spray everywhere your pet regularly goes within the house, and in your car too! But before you spray, you will need to prepare the house properly.

Preparing the house before spraying

Prior to spraying, you should thoroughly vacuum all floors and upholstered furniture – including the pet's bed (although you might want to consider replacing the pet's bed altogether).

Remove all your pets, including birdcages. Remove or cover fish tanks and aquaria, and turn off aerator pumps until the room has been ventilated after spraying.

Extinguish all sources of naked flame – including pilot lights on gas fires, ovens and boilers.

After spraying

After spraying, evacuate the rooms affected for half an hour before ventilating thoroughly. Vacuum daily for a week after spraying, as this will encourage flea pupae to hatch out so that the emerging young adult fleas will come into contact with sprayed surfaces.

Pregnant mothers and crawling children

Indorex flea spray is completely safe to use in homes with pregnant mothers and crawling children when used according to instructions.

Check with one of our vets to see if the spray you are using is licensed by the Health & Safety Executive for domestic use.

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but my noble legacy
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If you're not sure how to do it – phone us up – we'll talk you through it!