

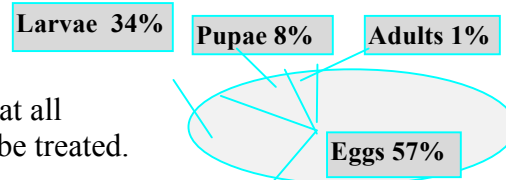
HOW TO MAKE FLEAS... FLEE!

The Willamette Valley provides a perfect environment for everything to grow, especially fleas. Since we rarely have freezes of any length, we have a flea population all year long and therefore, the necessity for year round flea control.

Fleas are responsible for some serious health problems dogs and cats. Flea allergy dermatitis, for example, is the most commonly treated skin disorder in veterinary medicine. Fleas are responsible for the most common type of tapeworm affecting dogs and cats. Fleas also decrease quality of life for our pets, due to the itching that occurs after a bite.

It is important to understand the basic stages of the flea life cycle so that the individual steps involved in control can be easily understood.

- The Adult Flea can live 6 to 12 months.
- The female lays 3 to 30 eggs a day.
- If one pet has fleas, it can be assumed that all pets in the house have fleas and need to be treated.
- As the graph indicates, the adult fleas make up only 1% of the population. Because the larger flea population resides in the environment, it is very important to treat the house and yard also or control may not be achieved.



PRODUCTS TO USE:

Treatment for the Pet:

Cheristin™ is another topical flea treatment for cats only.

- Starts killing fleas within 30 minutes after application.
- May be used on cats and kittens eight weeks of age and older and 1.8 pounds of body weight or greater.
- Monthly dosing is necessary (six applications per package).
- Dosing is not dependent upon weight – one size is effective for all cats and kittens.

Trifexis™ for dogs kills adult fleas before they can lay eggs in the environment.

- This product comes as a flavored tablet, approved for dogs 8 weeks of age and older and 5 pounds of weight or greater.
- Dosing depends upon the dog's weight.
- Monthly dosing is necessary (six doses per package).
- Begins killing fleas in 30 minutes after ingestion, kills 100% of adult fleas in 4 hours.
- Must be given with a meal.
- In addition to providing excellent flea control, *Trifexis*™ prevents heartworm infection and protects against roundworms, hookworms and whipworms.
- *Trifexis*™ does not offer protection against ticks.

Nexgard[™] is another flavored chewable that kills both fleas and ticks.

- Kills fleas before they can lay eggs.
- Approved for dogs 8 weeks of age and older and 4 pounds of body weight or greater.
- Dosing depends upon the dog's weight.
- Does not need to be given with a meal.
- Monthly dosing is necessary (3 doses per package).
- This product does not offer any protection against heartworm disease, making it necessary to use a companion product such as *Heartgard Plus*.[™]

Treatment for the House:

Siphotrol Plus II[™] Premise Spray

- For use inside the house, each 16 oz. can will treat 2,000 square feet.
- Kills fleas, eggs and larvae.
- Offers 100% knock down of adult fleas in 10 minutes.
- Vacuum the entire house thoroughly first and discard vacuum bag.
- Wash all animal bedding.
- Repeat Siphotrol application in 14 days.

Treatment for the Yard:

Virbac Yard Spray

- Easy application through hose-end sprayer
- Treats 6000 square feet
- Controls both fleas and ticks
- Repeat in 2 to 3 weeks

Our staff at Oak Hills Veterinary Clinic can design a flea control program tailored to your specific needs. Just ask!