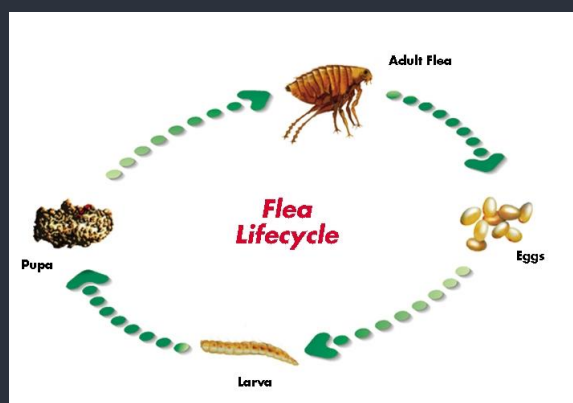


**Fleas – very important advice :-** Your safety and the safety of your pets is always our concern. Modern treatments are effective but not instant. Getting rid of fleas requires a little patience. First, any pets need ongoing treatments or re-infestation will occur. Your vet should be able to advise you on suitable treatments. Once that is done we need to treat inside and outside areas that may be infested. We will include in this treatment a growth regulator that allows us to break the productive cycle. The flea life cycle is egg-larva-pupa-adult, similar to a moth or butterfly.

The fleas lay they eggs on the host pet, these white eggs fall from the host into carpets, soils etc., small blind larva hatch and burrow deep into carpets, and places such as cracks and crevices in skirting board or outside away from light. They then change into a very sticky pupa. With sufficient humidity and temperature, they will hatch from this pupa in anything from 7-14 providing they detect nearby movement vibrations. They can lay dormant for up to 18 months if an area is left unattended. They are ready to mate within 24 hours of hatching, laying up to 500 eggs a couple of dozen or so a day, that's why we use the growth regular, it affects their ability to reproduce.



We need clean areas to work safely, remove kids and pet toys, remove and wash any clothing/bedding from the floor. If you have a fish tank we need to know, you will need to either remove it or cover it and turn of the filter and air pumps prior to treatment. Check with your vet or fish shop to confirm the filter can be shut down for a few hours. Do not vacuum for at least a week and when you do, dispose of the bag or dust in an airtight bag. Let your pet have the same freedom of movement they had before, don't exclude them from

treated areas, but do keep their flea treatment up. For the flea treatment to be affective we need them to hatch, which means either you or your pets must create the movement. For some weeks you would expect fleas in newly disturbed areas such as first thing in the morning, they will contact the residue chemical and die within hours of hatching. Let us know all the places your pet likes to go, rest or play.

Remember be patient, first treat your pets, then immediately call us so we can treat the premises, don't avoid using the treated areas, allow your pets their customary run off the place, and remember fleas can lay dormant for up to 18 months. You may still get bitten, but should notice a continuous decline over a period of weeks.

Note, if the dwelling will or has been vacant, such as rental properties or holiday houses, the pupa will start to hatch when movement is detected. So if you are going on holidays, have a friend stomp through the house and yard several times whilst you are away. The flea pupa will hatch and come in contact with the residual chemicals and die, providing it hasn't been too long since your last treatment. It may be worth having it retreated.