



## ALL CARE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

### Fleas and your pets

Fleas are very common in dogs and cats. Since central heating has become more common fleas can breed all year round. They can cause serious health problems for your pet as well as biting you and your family. Many animals may also suffer from an allergic reaction to flea bites which may cause hair loss inflammation and irritation. Fleas can also lead to skin damage, eczema, and 'self trauma'.

It is vital to treat all the animals in the house as fleas can be passed between dogs and cats. Also fleas may also transmit tapeworms.

Fleas can multiply within a short period of time so regular and effective treatment is very important.

#### Treatment and control

There are numerous products on the market, some which are far more effective than others. It is very important to use a reliable product at the right time. If this done flea control is easy.

It is also very important to treat the bedding and environment as well. (blankets, carpets, kennels.....)



#### Products

- **Frontline** – A spot on treatment. A liquid applied to the skin at the back of the neck. Simple to use. Applied every 2 months. This also helps to treat environmental fleas.
- **Advocate/ Advantix**- also applied on back of neck in spot-on form. Advocate not only treats fleas on your cat or dog but also treats other parasites such as roundworms, sarcoptic mange in dogs, ear mites in cats and heartworm in both cats and dogs. It is safe to use from six weeks. Advantix repels ticks as well as fleas.



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- **Collars and Powders** - Not recommend as they only work on direct contact with fleas.
- **Frontline Spray** - Kills fleas on contact. It also works against ticks. It is effective for three months in dogs and 2 months in cats.
- **RIP** - A household spray which can be used to treat bedding, furniture, carpets etc. It kills larvae and adult fleas. Fleas tend to thrive in the environments created at the base of carpets, cushions and down the back of sofas. This spray lasts for up to six months.

**BRAVECTO** new tablet that prevents fleas and ticks for 3 months