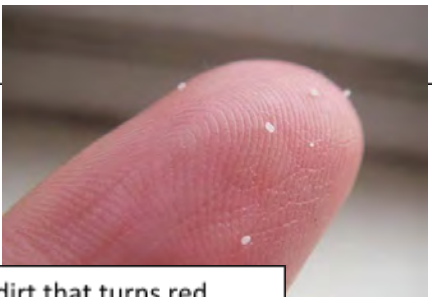


Since it can take so long for a flea egg to fully hatch into adult fleas, it's important to keep treating for fleas even after you think the adult fleas are gone.

The white dots are flea eggs. Even if you don't see fleas, if you see the white dots (they can look like salt), you still have fleas.



Black, sand-like dirt that turns red when wet is called flea dirt, which is flea poop. If you see the dirt, even if you don't see fleas, there are fleas there.

***These are general guidelines for caring for your dog/cat with fleas. This is not a replacement for seeking consult from a veterinarian. We always recommend speaking to a veterinarian about treating your pet.

What You Can Do to Get Rid of Fleas in Your House

Since flea larvae live on the floor, in carpets, on fabrics, and pretty much anywhere else you pet spends time, regular cleaning is a must!

For the floor and plush furniture, you can vacuum every day for 10 days – The vacuum will wake up flea pupae & make them easier to remove with the vacuum. Empty the vacuum bag after each time & remove it from the house.

For smooth fabrics (bedding, clothes, etc.) you can use duct tape or masking tape



& roll it over the cloth to pick up the flea eggs, preventing them from hatching. Fold the tape over & throw away promptly.

After washing anything the pet lays on, run it through the dryer for about 30 minutes – the heat will kill adult fleas and eggs too! If the fleas are getting on you, mosquito spray with DEET in it can help (do not spray this on your pets!)

Keeping Fleas off Your Pet – Home Remedies

It is safe to bathe your pet in Dawn dish detergent once every other week; this will kill any fleas on him/her. It doesn't keep fleas from coming back, though. Use a flea comb to remove fleas & flea eggs from your pet, and then dip live fleas in soapy water or rubbing alcohol to kill the flea.

For dogs, you can add apple cider vinegar to the food or water – this will make them taste bad to fleas. Start with a teaspoon and work it up to about ½ tablespoon, fed daily. Some dogs do not like the taste so start small. Rubbing or spraying you pet with a water and lemon juice mixture will make the pet “smell bad” to the fleas

Using Flea Drops or Shampoo

Different brands of flea drops and shampoo use different chemicals to kill fleas. Generally, things from discount stores have less of the “flea-killer” in them, so they do not work as well. Don't put more than one flea drop on your pet a month, even if it isn't working.

If you want to put flea shampoo and drops on your pet, make sure to read the shampoo, since some shampoos will wash away the drops and some aren't safe to use with drops. Using Dawn dish soap with drops will wash the drops away.

****Always make sure to use the right size and product. Cat flea drops only work on cats & dog flea drops only work on dogs. *Putting the wrong kind or the wrong amount on can make your pet very sick and can possibly kill them.*****