

# Flea Protocol

## Vacuum entire house

Flea eggs, larvae and pupae can be reduced in number by simply vacuuming the entire house; furniture, hardwood, and tile. Dispose of or empty the vacuum bag afterwards and **remove it from the house.**

## Spray all carpeted and fabric areas

Use a quality environmental spray such as Mycodex containing an Insect Growth Regulator (IGR). This will effectively kill the adult fleas and larval forms as well as speed the hatching of the pupae and prevent the eggs in the house from hatching. Remove all animals from the house while spraying and remain outside until the floors are dry.

## Repeat spray and vacuum in 7-10 days

Any of the hatching pupae from the previous week will be newly hatched adults and a repeated spray will be needed to effectively kill them.

## Eliminate fleas from your pet

You will need to treat your pet for a minimum for 3 months in a row to effectively control fleas. Ideally, year round prevention is best.

## DOGS

Oral flea and/or flea and tick medications that are recommended:

- ❖ **Bravecto** : 1 tablet every 3 months for flea and tick prevention.
- ❖ **Credelio**: 1 monthly chew for flea and tick prevention.
- ❖ **Simparica**: 1 monthly chew for flea and tick prevention.
- ❖ **Comfortis**: 1 tablet monthly for flea prevention.
- ❖ **Trifexis**: Monthly tablet for heartworm, fleas (kills fleas), and intestinal worm prevention.
- ❖ **Sentinel**: Monthly tablet for heartworm, fleas (reproduction inhibitor), and intestinal worm prevention.
- ❖ **Vectra**: Topical monthly flea, tick, and mosquito prevention.

## CATS:

- ❖ **Bravecto**: Once every three months topical flea and tick prevention
- ❖ **Comfortis**: Monthly tablet for flea prevention.
- ❖ **Cheristin**: Monthly topical flea prevention.
- ❖ **Revolution**: Monthly topical for fleas, intestinal parasites and ear mites.

The key to flea control is FLEA PREVENTION. The best thing you can do is use preventatives for your dogs and cats year round. We have not had the types of winters in Michigan that will effectively kill fleas indoors. Cold weather does not kill fleas but rather dry weather or low humidity, therefore fleas can live indoors year round.