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Wave Goodbye to a Flea Infestation!

The foundation for an infestation...

Flea infestations often last six to eight weeks before a pet's owner ever notices a flea. The first sign of an infestation typically is when the pet brings in a flea or two from outside. Once on your pet, fleas will feed and breed to lay the groundwork for an infestation. There may be thousands of flea eggs, larvae and pupae in your home before you notice the first flea!



A growing flea population...

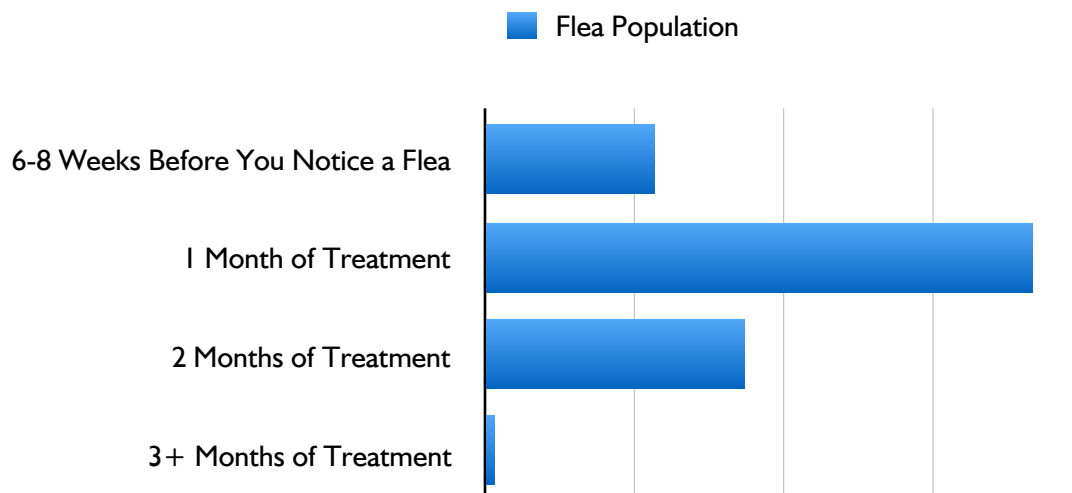
Once you treat your pet with FRONTLINE Plus or NexGard, the infestation will begin to resolve. These medications will kill any fleas on your pets before new generations can be produced. The flea eggs, larvae and pupae that had already infested your home will mature into new fleas within one month of applying medication, but no new generations will evolve. It is still possible for your pet to pick up fleas from the original infection site (your yard, a park, etc). FRONTLINE Plus and NexGard will also eliminate these fleas before they can reproduce.

All things must come to an end...

FRONTLINE Plus and NexGard prevent fleas from reproducing, so that after approximately two months of treatment the flea infestation will come to an end. In cooler areas, flea development is slower and it may take longer to break the flea reproduction cycle.

Constant vigilance...

You can't prevent your pets from picking up new fleas, so make sure to give FRONTLINE Plus or NexGard every month to all dogs and cats in your household.



FAQs About Treating with Flea & Tick Medications

Should I give FRONTLINE Plus or NexGard to all of the dogs and cats in my home?

Yes! If you don't treat every dog and cat, all untreated pets will continue the flea infestation by harboring mature fleas. NexGard may only be given to dogs, so use FRONTLINE if you have cats.

How often should I use FRONTLINE Plus or NexGard?

To continue to protect your pets and prevent future infestations, give the medication on a monthly basis, as recommended by your veterinarian.

Why are there still fleas on my pet, even though I already gave the medication?

If pets come in contact with new fleas, they will continue to be infested. FRONTLINE Plus and NexGard also make fleas become more hyperactive before they die, which may make them more noticeable to you.

Where do new fleas come from?

Flea eggs fall off animals and develop into larvae and pupae both indoors and outdoors. They will manifest in carpeting, cracks in flooring, upholstery and bedding. When outside, your pet will usually pick them up in shady areas like under decks, in crawl spaces and under shrubs. Any immature fleas that are in your home or yard when you first give FRONTLINE Plus or NexGard to your pet will continue to develop into full-grown fleas, even after the mature fleas on your pet are killed. Immature fleas may take several weeks to develop and create an exposure risk for your pet. As soon as those fleas jump on an animal treated with FRONTLINE Plus or NexGard, they will die.

How long does it take for an infestation to be completely cleared?

Infestations may last for two to three months, or longer in cooler areas. FRONTLINE Plus and NexGard will break the flea infestation cycle by killing adult fleas and preventing the maturation of flea eggs on your pet. Our satisfaction guarantee is only valid if each pet is treated with three doses of FRONTLINE Plus or NexGard that are spread one month apart and the medication is purchased from a veterinarian.

What else can I do to reduce flea populations in my home?

Floors and furniture should be vacuumed regularly, and pet bedding should be washed in hot water.

Do I need to treat my indoor cat with FRONTLINE Plus?

Yes! Even if your cat never goes outdoors, any interaction with other pets or people may cause it to carry fleas.

Consistency is key!

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HOW FRONTLINE PLUS AND NEXGARD WORK

FRONTLINE Plus should be applied to the skin between your pet's shoulder blades. The medication will spread all over the animal's body and is stored in sebaceous glands under the skin surface. These glands will wick the medication through hair follicles on the skin and coat for at least one month. NexGard is an oral, chewable medication. It contains a molecule that enters the animal's bloodstream and is distributed throughout the tissues.



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If you have any further questions, you may contact us at
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