

Fleas & Ticks

Fleas and ticks are not -as many commonly believe – simply a summertime threat to your pet. They pose a year round hazard and require year round attention and care.

There are over 2,000 species of fleas and they can transmit a vast array of diseases, most significantly, tapeworms. Ticks are large fleas that are dark to light gray in color and attach themselves to animals, They are more closely related to spiders and have 8 legs.

Symptoms of flea manifestation are excessive itching, biting, and chewing especially at the rearm tail or inside or outside of the thighs. Intense scratching can cause red inflamed lumps, skin legions and ulcers.

Symptoms of ticks may include: lethargy, fever, lameness or even bleeding. They can endanger your pet's life. They are external parasites and are usually obtained in woods and fields.

To determine if your dog has fleas, look for them crawling through your dog's fur – they are 2-8mm long, a mahogany brown color and have 3 pairs of legs. Ticks are disease carriers who attach firmly to your pet's flesh and suck their host's blood.

To protect your pet from ticks & fleas, keep him clean and healthy. Take him for regular checkups at the vet. , Keep your garden well manicured (no weeds or overgrown shrubs) keep your dog out of undergrowth and overgrowth; consult your veterinarian about chemicals and safe, appropriate and on-going preventive medications and treatments.