

Tackling Fleas in the home.

Treating the live fleas on your pet is only addressing a small part of problem. Fleas lay eggs which progress through their life cycle into larvae, then pupae encased in a cocoon. Adult fleas will eventually hatch from these cocoons in response to a stimulus (such as vibration, moisture, noise) and can attach to your pet within seconds.

These cocoons can hatch adult fleas as soon as 2 weeks later, but the fleas can lie waiting in the cocoon for up to 2 years before emerging.

If your pet has fleas, then there will also be flea eggs in the house which need addressing. It is therefore **VITAL** that you not only treat your pet as advised, but also take steps to eliminate the fleas in the home.

Tips for tackling fleas

-  Treat all household pets with an appropriate flea treatment; we can provide further advice on this if needed.
-  Your pets' bedding will be a heavily infested area – it should be washed on a hot wash or disposed of.
-  The whole house must be treated to eliminate all stages of flea development. This includes soft furnishings, carpets, gaps between floor boards and other difficult to reach areas. If your pet travels in the car this should be treated too.

Bear in mind that the cocoons can be very resistant to treatment so repeat treatments may be needed to eliminate all fleas from a home.

Flea products for use in the home

We recommend using **Indorex** spray to treat your house. It contains ingredients which kill adult fleas in the environment. It also contains a long acting insect growth regulator, which prevents the flea eggs developing into adult fleas. This provides continuous protection for up to 12 months.

Foggers and bombs are available for treating the environment, but these are not usually very effective as specific areas of infestation may not be reached. Spray products where you can specifically target area are preferable.

Tips for using Indorex

Vacuum all floors and upholstered furniture for 7 consecutive days after spraying. The vibration this produces encourages the flea cocoons to hatch out, so they can be killed. Make sure you empty the vacuum contents outside.

Remove all pets from the areas to be treated for a few hours.

Before use make sure doors and windows are closed. Once you have sprayed the room wait half an hour, then open the windows to ventilate the room for at least an hour.

Always test **Indorex** on an inconspicuous area of fabric before treating soft furnishings.

You do not need to spray your mattresses – the flea eggs cannot penetrate through the fibres of the mattress so washing your bedding is sufficient.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use; these are on the reverse of the spray can.

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