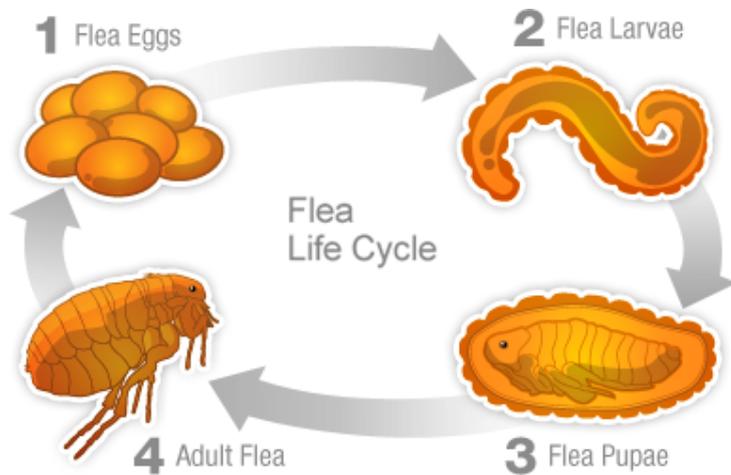


The Flea Lifecycle.

The flea is an ectoparasite, which feeds on the blood of your pet. They can make life for you and your pet very miserable with a vicious cycle of biting and scratching.

There are 4 stages to the flea lifecycle.



The adult Flea

The flea hatches from the pupae in the environment and hops straight onto your pet for a feed. The female will lay eggs within 24-48 hours.

Flea Eggs

Female fleas can lay up to 50 eggs a day after 24 hours of feeding. The eggs will fall off into the environment wherever your pet goes. The eggs hatch in 1-6 days.

Larvae

The eggs hatch into larvae. The larvae will move away from light into dark corners and even under floorboards! The larval stage lasts 5-11 days.

Pupae

The larvae spin into a sticky cocoon to become pupae. Pupae cannot be killed by any house insecticides. The flea may hatch out in 7-14 days but can lay dormant in the environment for months.

Treating Fleas

By the time you see fleas on your pet your house is probably already infested.

- ✓ Treat your pet with a product for fleas every month. It can take 3-4 months before immature fleas in the home are depleted, so you may still see fleas on your pet during this time.
- ✓ Treat your house with a household treatment
- ✓ Regularly Hoover your home to remove some of the flea eggs, larvae and pupae.
- ✓ Wash your pets' bedding above 60 degrees.
- ✓ Continue to allow your pet full access to all areas of the house as normal. That way, new fleas that hatch can jump on your pet and be killed.

Nurse Consults.

Our qualified veterinary nurses run Nurse Clinics. If you do not need to see the vet you can see the nurse for free advice on many different topics such as kitten and puppy advice, flea and worm products and dietary advice. We will also clip nails and microchip your pets, a charge may apply but if we can help you we will (we may refer you back to the vet if we need too).

Our nurses are happy to help you and your pet for any for the following.

- ✓ 2nd Vaccinations
- ✓ 2nd L4 Injections
- ✓ Weight Clinics
- ✓ Diabetic Clinics
- ✓ Flea and Worm checks
- ✓ Puppy and Kitten advice
- ✓ Dietary Advice/ Weight Clinics
- ✓ Post-operative Checks
- ✓ Removal of sutures post-surgery
- ✓ Senior Pet Checks*
- ✓ Micro-chipping*
- ✓ Nail clipping*

Nurse clinics are Monday to Thursday between 3.30-4.30pm at our Sidmouth surgery and Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 2.30-3.00pm at our Ottery St Mary surgery, appointments are necessary.

Book in today to see us.

*a small charge applies, please check with a member of staff for more details.

You must have your dog Microchipped!

The microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015 introduced **compulsory microchipping of dogs in England.**

Veterinary Nurses are able to microchip your dog's so contact us today to book your appointment if your dog isn't already microchipped.

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