

Understanding the flea life cycle

Adult Flea

Egg laying in
24-36 hours



Flea Eggs

Eggs hatch in
1-10 days



Flea

Ctenocephalides felis



Flea Pupae

Pupae may hatch in as little as 5 days
OR
may be dormant for months







Flea Larvae

Larvae: stage lasts 5-11 days

Flea Control Recommendation:

Actual size

-  Flea eggs: 0.5mm
-  Flea larvae: 2-5mm
-  Flea pupae: 5mm
-  Adult flea: 2-4mm

Why does my pet have fleas?



Flea eggs can fall off your pet onto bedding and other areas of the home.



Wildlife and outdoor domestic animals can carry fleas. These infested animals drop flea eggs in areas around your home. Newly hatched fleas may then jump onto your pet.



Flea eggs drop to the carpet and mature into larvae which hide in the carpet pile. Larvae turn into pupae which may be dormant for **months**.



For optimum flea control, treat all pets inside and outside the home with an approved flea protection product on a routine basis.