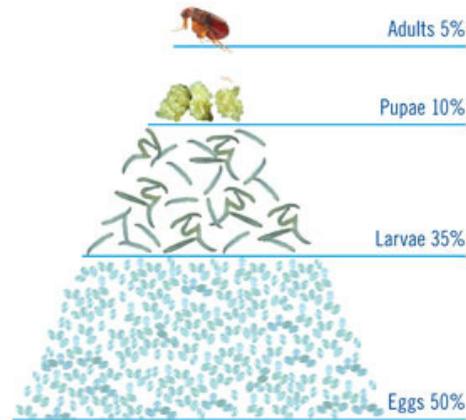
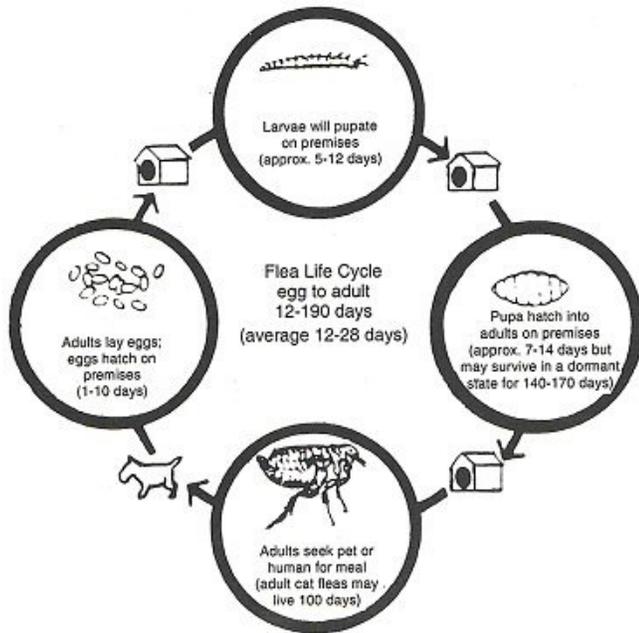




Flea Protocol



Well it is flea season again and we here at Southern Hills Veterinary Hospital would like to let you know the best way to prevent your house, animals and even you from being infested with these pests!

- Most veterinarians are now recommending year round parasite preventative, for several reasons, mainly, it can take the flea eggs up to 6 months to hatch. The pupae (cocoon) of fleas are not susceptible to any pesticides. They will lie hidden in carpets and floor cracks emerging over many weeks. When they emerge as adult fleas, they'll be vulnerable to flea-control products labeled for use on adults fleas. They'll seek a dog or cat for a blood meal, or humans if no pets are present.
- Most flea treatments now help with other pests that spread disease like mosquitoes and ticks so you are helping your pet and your family in many ways because these pests can transmit diseases to your whole family!
- If your animal does have fleas, preventatives will have to be combined with environmental treatments to be effective
- All animals in the house must be treated, whether they leave the house or not.
- Vacuum all floors, under furniture, under cushions and beds and immediately dispose of all vacuum bags or clean out vacuum and dispose of the debris that is cleaned up, immediately taking them out of your house.
- All bedding or areas where the animals is laying needs to be washed in hot water , if you can steam clean carpets that is recommended.
- There are also environmental sprays that can be used to rid you of the infestation.