

# TRULY ON Fleas



The most common type of flea that plagues humans and pets is called the Cat Flea. A prolific breeder, female fleas lay on average 300-800 eggs during their three week life cycle. Cat fleas are wing-



less insects with piercing sucking mouthparts that camouflage themselves in your pet's fur. They are excellent jumpers, leaping up to 7" vertically and 13"

horizontally. While uncommon, the cat flea can transmit disease, parasites and infections to pets and people when bitten. When the cat flea bites its host, it transfers saliva that can cause flea allergy dermatitis in sensitive individuals.

Cat fleas are really more of a nuisance causing humans and pets to itch from their bites and crawling. Flea eggs fall from your pet in areas they frequent most like your bed, a favorite chair etc. These eggs are virtually impossible to see against household surfaces.



Signs of pet infestation are: Anemia, pale gums, weakness and being lethargic. Intense itching as a result of irritation caused by bites and the bath water turns red when dried blood from flea bites is cleansed from their fur.

Your pest management professional will treat areas around your home where fleas are likely to be present to eradicate fleas and their larvae. Special attention is given to areas such as cracks and crevices, and where carpeting and baseboards meet. Your pet should be treated the same day you treat your home to prevent the infestation from being re-introduced within the home. Clean your pet's resting areas and bedding daily. Thoroughly vacuum in areas your pet frequents everyday. Be sure to remove the vacuum bag or vacuum container contents every time you vacuum and dispose of them outside.

Ask your local Truly Nolen expert for the best method of treatment for your home.

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