

FACT SHEET -FLEAS

Latin Name:

Siphonaptera

Description:

1.5 – 4 mm, nasty little jumping parasite, dark brown, flat

Habits:

Prefers the warmer weather, can be transported by almost any mammal and breeds very quickly. Pet owners are always more at risk and may not even notice the infestation until it becomes very large or the pet is no longer in residence so the fleas need to shop elsewhere for a meal.

Control Methods:

Important to treat the source i.e. pet, as well as the infestation, complete blanket spraying of flooring interior, entire exterior yard and sub-floor is often the only answer. Some preparation work such as vacuuming the carpets thoroughly and mowing the lawns is required.



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