



## **Your Pet and the Spring Season – Fleas and Ticks**

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1. Fleas seen on your pet are approximately 5% of total population on your pet
2. There are four life stages: Adult flea, pupae, larvae, and egg
3. Common to dogs and cats
4. Diseases from fleas: flea allergy dermatitis, anemia, tapeworms, rickettsiosis, plague, and cat scratch disease
5. It takes at least 2-3 months to clear a flea infestation
6. You can not see all four life stages by the naked eye (only the adult)
7. The eggs are dropped into the environment to continue further development
8. Your pet does not have to go outside to get infested with fleas
9. Life stages of Ticks: Adult, nymph, larvae, egg
10. Disease from ticks: lyme disease, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, rocky mountain spotted fever, tick paralysis

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