

## PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING FLEAS

Even with hundreds of insecticidal shampoos, sprays, powders, and foams on the market, effective flea control can be a frustrating problem for most pet owners. Follow this basic advice to help get rid of fleas.

1. Poor flea control can be attributed to one of the following:
  - application of ineffective insecticide;
  - incorrect product for particular situation
  - improper application of insecticide.

For this reason it is important to choose an effective product recommended by a veterinarian. Always read instructions very carefully.

2) Most people feel it is necessary to treat the animal only. The animal must be treated simultaneously with its environment. Treatment should be followed through with successive treatments for the following three or four weeks, to be effective.

### Procedure:

1. Animal:
  - a) Bathe animal with an anti-flea shampoo, leaving lather on the animal at least 5 to 10 minutes.
  - b) Avoiding contact with eyes, whole body must be treated.
  - c) An alternative to bathing is to use a spray, powder or foam which has more of a residual effect than shampoo. Be certain that the product reaches through to the skin.
2. Environment:
  - a) Vacuum all areas where the animal has been, including carpets, furniture, and crevices in flooring.
  - b) Spray all these areas with an anti-flea product.
3. Important: Treat both the animal and the environment on the same day. Take the animal out of the house for a couple of hours while the treatment is being done. Repeat the treatments every seven days for one month.