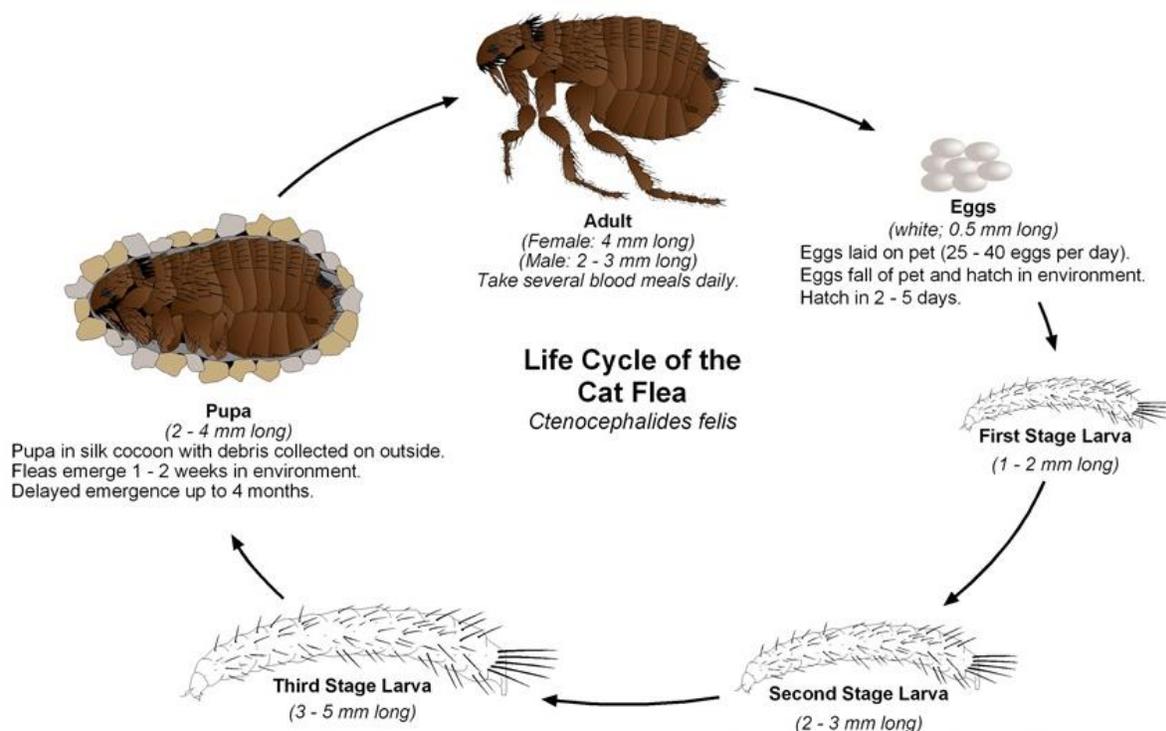


The Life Cycle of the Flea

The adult flea is a very common ectoparasite (a parasite that lives on the outside of the host) of dogs and cats. The most common flea that lives on both cats and dogs is "*Ctenocephalides felis felis*" more commonly known as the "cat flea". Once the adult flea has found a suitable host, namely your dog or cat, they will normally stay there for their entire life. The female flea lays her eggs on the host, the majority of which fall off quite rapidly into the environment. These eggs can be found where ever the host goes, e.g. in carpets, bedding and furniture. In homes with central heating and carpeted floors, the eggs survive all year round. Once the flea larvae has fully developed inside the egg, it hatches out and wriggles downwards away from light. When fully grown, the larvae spins a cocoon and pupates. The adult flea emerges to find a host and starts to feed immediately with the female laying up to 40 eggs per day within 24-48 hours.



Treatment and Control

We recommend applying one of the flea products below and to re-apply as directed. To treat the house we recommend that all bedding is thoroughly washed and carpets well hoovered. We stock aerosols which can give the home up to 12 months protection.

Canine Flea Products

Bravecto- Kills fleas within 8 hours and ticks within 12. Dogs are covered for three months. Comes in tablet form.



Advocate- Can be used on dogs from 7 weeks old and kills fleas, lice and roundworms. Advocate protects against re-infestation for 4 weeks.



Advantix -Can be used on dogs from 7 weeks of age and kills fleas and ticks. Fleas are eliminated within 24 hours with 4 week protection from re-infestation.

Feline Flea Products

Broadline- Kills fleas and ticks for a month and worms for three months. Comes as a spot on.



Activyl- Kills fleas and ticks for one month. Comes in the form of a spot on.



Advocate- Can be used on cats from 9 weeks old and kills fleas, lice and roundworms. Advocate protects against re-infestation for 4 weeks.

