



## FLEA PRE-TREATMENT CHECKLIST

- Clear all floor surfaces of loose items such as magazines, toys and other small articles. Pick up all articles on closet floors as well as under beds and furniture.
- Put any clothing that may have been on the floor in the washer, then a hot dryer for at least 20 minutes to kill any eggs or fleas that may be on those articles.
- On the day of the treatment, vacuum carpets, rugs, and furniture including under cushions of upholstered furniture. Vacuum wood and tile floors with special attention to grooves and cracks. Pay special attention to wall/floor junctures and all areas frequented by pets. The vibrations of the vacuum will make any dormant flea eggs hatch, which will make the treatment more successful. Seal vacuum bag in plastic bag and dispose outside in a covered receptacle. Clean thoroughly all areas frequented by cats, i.e. table tops, window sills, etc.
- Clean basement and garage floors with soap and water if pet spends time in these areas. Pay particular attention to wall/floor junctures.
- Wash or dispose of all pet bedding. **Cover aquariums and turn off air pumps.**
- Remove all pets during treatment. Do not let pets return home until after treatment dries. It is recommended that pet be treated by a qualified veterinarian.
- Plants can remain in the home during treatment.
- Clean areas around dog houses and other outside areas where pets have access. (Maximum effectiveness of treatment will be achieved if lawn is cut prior to treatment.)
- Cover or put away any food or utensils during treatment.
- Vacuum floors and surfaces at least every couple of days after treatment to continue hatching out dormant eggs. As they hatch, the residual products applied will continue to kill the fleas.
- You may see some fleas for up to two weeks after treatment. This time period is known as the 'pupal window.' The residual activity of the flea IGR and adulticide in the carpet should overcome the fleas that hatch during this period.