

# Fleas Pose Dangers You Will Want to Prevent

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## THE DANGERS of fleas

Fleas are eager to form a close relationship with your cat. These common parasites feed on your pet (and even on you) for the blood meals they need to survive.

### Problems worth preventing

**FLEA ALLERGY DERMATITIS** - Many cats are allergic to flea saliva. Although fleas will make any cat scratch, the intense itching of this allergy causes vigorous scratching, inflammation, lesions, and hair loss.

**TAPEWORM INFESTATION** - Fleas can harbor immature *D. caninum* tapeworms, which they pass on to your cat.

**ANEMIA** - Large numbers of fleas ingesting large amounts of blood can cause anemia, especially in kittens. Severe anemia can be fatal.

### FLEA-TRANSMITTED DISEASES

- **Feline Infectious Anemia** affects the red blood cells of cats, causing anemia, depression, appetite loss, and fever.
- **Bubonic Plague** is a sometimes fatal disease in humans that causes enlarged lymph nodes and fever.

### Monthly preventives

[Monthly preventives](#) are the easy way to avoid flea infestation. These safe and effective products are specially formulated to prevent fleas from ever landing on your pet or invading your home.

Most popular are [topicals](#), which are applied directly onto your pet's skin. Oral preventives are usually liquid for cats (or tablets for dogs).

### Recommended Flea Control Products



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