# Flea/Tick Collars Selection Guide

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## Easy-to-use collars offer long-lasting flea/tick protection

Flea and tick collars can be very effective at protecting your pet against flea and tick infestation. Collars are a great option for pet owners who tend to forget to reapply monthly topical products or want longer-lasting protection between applications. Unlike topical products, flea and tick collars often protect for several months. In addition, your cost per month may be lower with a flea/tick collar.

With a flea/tick collar, there is no liquid mess or fuss, and most dogs accept the collar without a struggle. When fitting a collar on your dog, it needs to be fairly close to the skin. The collar slowly releases the active ingredients over time, and those ingredients spread over the lipid layer of your pet's skin to cover and protect the entire body.

### Check for several things when choosing a flea and tick collar:

- The minimum age for which the product can be used on a pet
- What pests it kills (some kill fleas and ticks, but some kill just ticks)
- Whether the product kills fleas at all life stages (some kill only adult fleas, not juvenile forms)
- The collar length; make sure it is long enough to fit around your pet's neck
- The duration of protection

The Seresto® Flea and Tick Collar is our longest-lasting collar; it protects for up to 8 full months and is odorless and water-resistant. It also kills chewing lice for the first 30 days. Your dog benefits from long-term flea and tick control without the



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inconvenience of monthly applications.

Some collars, including Sentry Pro, use both an adulticide and an insect growth regulator (IGR). This means they kill the adult fleas and ticks on your pet, and they also kill fleas in any stage of their life cycle - important in overall control. Flea eggs or larva will be killed before reaching the biting adult stage.

Spectra SHIELD™, though not a collar, is an innovative medallion that attaches to the D-ring of your dog's everyday collar. The active ingredients in Spectra SHIELD kill adult fleas and ticks, as well as all blood-feeding stages of the tick, for 4 months. Spectra SHIELD works the same way flea and tick collars work; it delivers slow, sustained release of the active ingredients and spread over the skin to protect your pet's entire body.

### Tick Collars

Sometimes you simply need added protection against ticks, especially in heavily infested areas. The Preventic Tick Collar is a great option. It can be used along with your monthly flea/tick topical for additional protection during peak months or areas with intense tick activity. Preventic lasts for 3 months.

Shop all flea & tick collars for dogs.



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