Flea & Tick Guide: Recommended by Region

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Everyone has a different situation with fleas. This depends largely on the area of the country you live in, and how often your pet is exposed to fleas, among other criteria. Although to be truly flea-free, both pet and the environment must be treated. We have put together five common scenarios that we hope will help you choose the most effective flea protection you'll need for your pet.

Choose the Right Flea & Tick Product That Works Best for Your Needs		
Area Affected	**Our Customers' Scenarios**	**Our Doctors' Recommendations**
Southern States:	Lori moved from the northern plains of Iowa to Arkansas, and was surprised at the difference in numbers of fleas and ticks she had to deal with since it was warm all year long. She found that she needed to keep a topical flea/tick preventive on her dog all year. She also needed to watch that her house didn't get flea infested, so she invested in some sprays for the house and backyard.	For an effective topical treatment, we recommend Advantage or Bio Spot SPOT ON® for Dogs. We recommend Bio Spot Home Protection Kit for indoors.
Midwestern Cat with Allergies:	Emily lives in southern Minnesota and has a cat with Flea Allergy Dermatitis, or FAD. The bite of just one flea can leave her cat scratching for days, since her cat is allergic to components in the flea's saliva. It is important that whatever flea prevention she uses must be the most	Bio Spot SPOT ON® is an ideal choice for cats with flea allergy dermatitis. Protecting her

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	flea prevention she uses must be the most effective she can get plus eliminate different forms of the flea life cycle, including adults, eggs, and larvae.	Protecting her environment is very important, also. Use Bio Spot Home Protection Kit to control fleas in her indoor environment. Keep your cat indoors, and use a Flea Comb daily.
Waterdog in the Northwest:	Lance and his dog in Washington are active participants in a lot of dog-owner activities. His dog swims almost every day in the summer and is in and out of water frequently in the fall when he and Lance go hunting. Lance's pet needs a product that does not have to be reapplied after the dog gets wet. Since his dog is outside so much, Lance also decided to invest in a spray for his dog's favorite places in the house, the car, and the yard.	For waterdogs, we suggest Frontline Plus effective after swimming or bathing. Advantix is also water resistant, and protects against fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes.
Contact Dermatitis in the Mountain States:	Some dogs or cats may be sensitive to certain flea products. Thelma is in Colorado and the topical protection she most recently used caused her dog to have a mild skin reaction. Thelma wants to try a different topical this year. The effectiveness of the product was not in question, and even though her pet was sensitive to one topical product, it does not mean that she couldn't try another one or even monthly oral	Advantage for Dogs.

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Note: We generally recommend using only one flea/tick control product on your pet at a time. You may use a topical on the pet and a product to control fleas in the environment, but you generally should not need to use two flea and tick products on your pet at the same time.

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