



A Cat Parent's Guide to Flea and Tick Season



Tick and flea treatment for cats is an essential part of your pet's care routine. Using a monthly flea and tick preventive ensures that your furry companion stays healthy and pest-free.

Why Is Flea and Tick Prevention Important?

Fleas and ticks aren't just a summer problem. These parasites are hardy and can thrive in cold weather. During winter months, fleas can hitch a ride onto our clothing to make their way inside.

Because fleas and ticks can spread dangerous diseases to everyone in your home, it's important to start flea and tick prevention for your cat when they're approximately 8 weeks old and keep them on prevention year-round throughout your cat's life.

What Diseases Can They Carry?

These pests can transmit several diseases and other parasites to cats, including:

- Lyme disease
- Anaplasmosis
- Bartonellosis
- Rocky Mountain spotted fever
- Tapeworms
- Babesiosis

Some of these diseases can even spread to humans, which is why it's important to keep fleas and ticks off your cat and out of your home.

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Types of Prevention

There are a variety of products to help keep your cat free of parasites.

These include topicals applied to the skin, chewables, and collars. Be sure to check the label of each product to ensure it meets the age and weight requirement for your cat.

Chewy offers top preventive brands, including:

- Bravecto (topical)
- NexGard combo (topical)
- Credelio (oral)
- Revolution Plus (topical)
- Seresto (collar)

What's the Best Preventive for Your Cat?

You'll want to consider a few things—such as your preferred application method, where you live, and your cat's health and age.

Talk to your veterinarian when deciding on a flea and tick medication. They can help guide you and understand each preventive's risks and benefits.

