



A Dog Parent's Guide to Flea & Tick Season



Preventive care is a key part of keeping your dog healthy and happy—and one of the best ways you can prevent potential health issues is to use monthly flea and tick medication.

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 dog when they're approximately 8 weeks old and keep them on prevention year-round throughout your dog's life.

What Diseases Can They Carry?

These pests can transmit several diseases and other parasites to dogs, 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 dog and out of your home.

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Types of Prevention

There are a variety of products to help keep your dog 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's appropriate for the age and weight of your dog.

Chewy offers top preventive brands, including:

- Simparica TRIO (oral)
- Bravecto (oral)
- NexGard (oral)
- Credelio (oral)
- Frontline (topical)
- Seresto (collar)

What's the Best Preventive for Your Pup?

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

