

# FLEAS AND TICKS ARE MORE THAN JUST A NUISANCE



## How do dogs get fleas and ticks?

Whether they live in cities or suburbs, mountains or near the coast, dogs of all lifestyles can be exposed to fleas and ticks. Fleas live and multiply in shady areas with leaves and debris as well as inside homes where they can hide in carpets and under furniture. Ticks thrive in tall grass and wooded areas. There are also ticks in some countries that can infest homes.



## Why are fleas and ticks harmful to my pet?

Fleas and ticks are more than just a nuisance. They can transmit serious diseases, some of which may even be life-threatening to your pet.



## What health problems can fleas and ticks cause?

Fleas can cause problems such as tapeworm infections, skin allergies and skin infections. In extreme cases, a heavy infestation of fleas can lead to severe blood loss and anaemia in small, young, geriatric or chronically ill dogs. This can be serious or even fatal. Ticks can transmit diseases such as babesiosis, borreliosis, ehrlichiosis and more.



## Is it true that fleas and ticks are only a problem in the summer?

No. Fleas and ticks pose a year-round risk for pets. They can survive in temperate environments, including inside your home. In mild winters they can still be a threat to your dog's health and comfort. With the weather warming around the globe, fleas and ticks are active for more months of the year, which creates a greater threat of disease and discomfort to pets.<sup>1-3</sup>



## Why do flea bites make my dog itch?

Many dogs are allergic to the saliva of fleas. Flea bites can cause allergic dermatitis, which leads to itchy sores or bumps on the skin. If your dog scratches or licks these areas, it can make the itching worse and even cause infections.

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