

# Worms in Cats



## Worm your cat every 3 mo. with Milbemax tablets

tasty tablets - easy to give or to hide in the food.

**Kittens** should be wormed every 2 wks. up to 3 mo. old,

then every month up to 6 mo. old, then every 3 months.

**Adult Cats** should be wormed every 3 mo. throughout life.

- **If you find tablets difficult**  
ask for **Profender Spot-On Wormer**  
just apply to the back of the neck 3 monthly.
- **For extra protection of young children** from *Toxocara*,  
worm your cat every - 8 weeks.
- **Lab. Test for worms.** For peace of mind we can test your cat's faeces and identify any worms present. If you have several cats one mixed sample of all their faeces will do.

### How do cats get worms?

- **KITTENS** get roundworms from their mother and other kittens.
- **ADULT CATS** pick up tape and roundworms  
by hunting, eating raw meat, licking or eating soil,  
or eating a flea whilst grooming.

### Worm Problems

- Worms cause anaemia, bowel obstruction and can trigger allergic reactions resulting in vomiting, diarrhoea and skin disease.
- Roundworms can cause serious disease in children.

**Protect your cat and your family from worms**

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# Fleas & Worms in Cats

## 😊 Flea Prevention is Easy!

Use **Program Injection** every 6 months. Easiest choice - as you don't have to remember to apply

a spot-on treatment every month!

or **Stronghold Spot-On** monthly

all year round **Stronghold** also kills ear mites and lice.

The cost of 12 mo. flea prevention is £60 -£75.

Phone 01254 53622  
to order your cat's flea  
and worm medication

**Avoid flea and tick products that don't work.**

Many non-vet products are untested, make untrue claims or just don't work at all. Some are dangerous, especially to cats!

## 😞 If you find a Flea on your cat

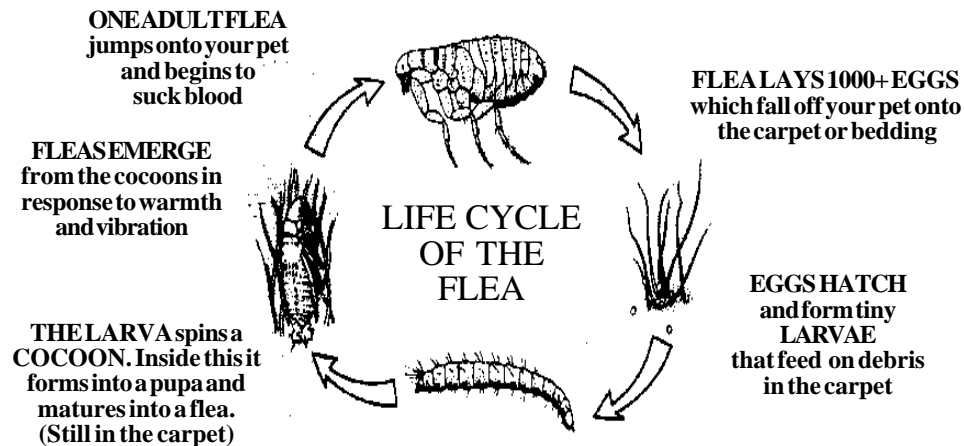
and you're not using **Program Injection** or **Stronghold** then there will be lots of flea eggs about your home already.

1. Spray **Indorex** all around your home and vacuum thoroughly over the next 4 weeks.
2. Start using **Program Injection** (6 monthly)  
on all your cats, and keep using it.
3. Use **Stronghold Spot-On** monthly for 3 months  
i.e. until your house is clear.
4. Treat dogs with **Stronghold Spot-On** monthly.
5. Worm your cats and dogs **monthly** with **Milbemax**  
for the next 3 months (fleas transmit tapeworms).

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**Fleas are active all year round but especially May - December and they love central heating!**

**One flea can produce 1000 fleas in just 4 wks!**



## Flea Problems

- Skin irritation, Flea allergic dermatitis.
- Fleas carry tapeworms, and several nasty infections that affect pets and humans (Bartonella & Rickettsia).
- Fleas bite humans causing painful sores on the legs.
- Fleas love clean warm homes.

*Use Program Injection 6-monthly*

## How cats get worms

Cats get tapeworms by eating a flea when grooming, hunting, scavenging, or by eating uncooked meat.

Once eaten they attach to the gut wall and grow into long flat "tapes" made up of lots of segments. The head end sucks blood, the other end releases segments full of eggs that are passed in the cat's faeces. These are eaten by birds and mice, and form cysts in the muscles of these small animals. These cysts stay in the muscle until the small animal is eaten by a cat then they then develop into tapeworms in the gut of the cat/dog or cat.

Tapeworm segments look like tiny slugs or dried up grains of rice and are sometimes seen near the anus. They may only be noticed if they are "washed out" by severe diarrhoea.

Most cat tapeworms do not affect humans.

## Cats get roundworms from their mother

Roundworms produce thousands of tiny eggs which are passed in the faeces. These eggs pass on to other cats as they sniff and lick around each other! Roundworms will often be vomited up by kittens but in healthy adult cats there may be no clues to show that roundworms are present.

## Roundworms -the risk to children

Toxocara roundworm eggs passed in cat faeces end up on grass, soil or sand. If eaten by a child, or adult they develop into tiny larvae and migrate through the tissues. If the larvae find their way to the eye then blindness can result. In the lungs the larvae can cause asthma-like symptoms. Fortunately these are rare conditions. Worming every 3 months reduces the risk of transmission greatly.

*Worm your cat every 3 months*