

# West Lakeland Veterinary Group

## 'It's Winter, does my pet really need flea & worm treatment?'

The short answer is YES.

It is a common belief that fleas cannot survive in cold weather. While this has some truth in it, we must also keep in mind that people and pets dislike cold weather too. So during this time of year, as the outside temperature drops, inside temperatures soar thanks to our heating systems. Resulting in flea paradise all year around!



Flea dirt! Ingested blood that has been passed out of the flea.

### QUICK-FIRE FLEA AND WORM FACTS!

- Did you know that fleas can carry, and transmit, worms to your pet?

Fleas can be carriers of worm eggs. When your pet grooms itself, or chews at a biting flea, it can ingest the flea, and therefore the worm egg- Resulting in two different parasitic infections.

- Did you know that fleas *live in the environment, not on your pet*?  
To fleas, pets (and us!) are walking restaurants! Jump on, have a meal, jump off! So if you suspect your pet is suffering from flea bites, the chances are so is your home!
- Like fleas, animal worms can also be passed from pets to humans.  
This is very important to remember if you have young family members. Due to decreased awareness of hygiene, children are most at risk of contracting worms than adults. This can cause very serious and life-altering damage.

Depending on your pets situation, there are various methods we can use to administer treatment to your pet to keep them critter-free. Call your local West Lakeland branch to have a chat!

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