

Puppy Flea and Tick Treatments



Why should we treat puppies against fleas and ticks?

Fleas and ticks are little blood-sucking insects that live in the coat of your puppy (and often on cats too!). Severe infestations can be dangerous for your puppy when so much blood is sucked out by the parasites that not enough is left for your puppy!

Flea bites commonly cause puppies to scratch which can lead to skin infections and perpetual irritation, when your puppy should really be playing and exploring.

Ticks can carry diseases harmful to your puppy's health and your own. Most notably Lyme disease, which can be fatal to humans as well as dogs.

If your puppy isn't scratching, could they still have fleas or ticks?

Yes! Ticks especially don't always cause puppies to scratch and not every dog scratches when they have fleas and ticks.

When should we start treating puppies for fleas and ticks?

Depending on their weight, puppies can be treated from 8 weeks of age to prevent them getting fleas.



What should we treat puppies with to prevent them getting fleas and ticks?

There are a wide range of products available to prevent fleas and ticks getting on to your puppy. Unfortunately, many of the products available from pet shops aren't reliable or effective. At Ryedale Vets we regularly review the products we advise for flea and tick prevention so you know your puppy will always have the best cover against these parasites. These products can usually only be prescribed by a vet.