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FLEAS, TAPEWORMS, ROUND WORMS OR SUSPECTED EAR MITES

If your pet was wearing a flea collar today it was removed. Flea collars are potentially toxic and the chemicals combined with the anesthesia given today can be very hazardous to your pet.

SAFE PRODUCTS

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| Advantage | Cheristin |
| Revolution | Activyl (not plus) |
| Bravecto | Comfortis |
| Frontline | Trifexis (dogs) |
| Fiproguard | |
| Pet-Armor | |
| Seresto collar by Bayer | |
| Nexgard (for dogs) | |

UNSAFE PRODUCTS

These products are potentially toxic and are ineffective.

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| Pyrethrins | Flea Collars |
| Etofenprox | Flea Powders |
| Bio Spot | Flea Dips |
| Fiproguard plus | Flea Sprays / shampoos |

Area room foggers (flea bombs) if not used according to manufactures instruction

NEVER USE DOG PRODUCTS ON CATS!

Flea control in your Home and Environment:

Manufactures of once a month flea products recommend monthly treatment of every pet in the home and out doors for a minimum of 3 months in an effort to control the environmental infestation of fleas.

- We advise using extreme caution if you plan to use room and area sprays, bombs or foggers (they contain toxic chemicals, flammable/fire hazards, can cause illness). We recommend reading this publication before considering using chemical treatment of the environment: <http://extension.msstate.edu/publications/publications/control-fleas-your-pet-your-house-and-your-yard>
 - We realize that many pet owners would like to use a natural approach. The following can be safely used, however, are not as effective in controlling extreme infestations unless professionally applied.
 - Boric acid powder (borate, borax)
 - onlynaturalpet.com
 - fleabuster.com
 - www.thebugsquads.com/fleas/borax-fleas/#usingboraxtokillfleas
 - Diatomaceous Earth powder (Food grade)
 - www.wikihow.com/Apply-Diatomaceous-Earth-to-Carpet
 - www.thebugsquads.com/fleas/diatomaceous-earth-fleas/
- Both of these kill fleas, larvae, and eggs by “drying them out” (dehydration).
- Follow ALL label directions for use and safety.

TAPEWORMS: (treatment needed: Praziquantel or Epsiprantel)

- Tapeworms come from ingesting fleas or hunting rodents
- If your pet has/had fleas it is very likely that they have tapeworms
- Tapeworms when alive look like short, small wiggling worms like rice, when dried up they look like dried rice or sesame seeds
- Look for tapeworms around your pet's bottom/tail or in your pet's bedding
- The medication needed to treat tapeworms is Praziquantel (active ingredient).
- Follow ALL directions on package labels

ROUNDWORMS:

- 99% of puppies and kittens have roundworms that are passed on from their mother's milk
- You may not see evidence of roundworms until the burden is heavy so early treatment is recommended
- Roundworms look like spaghetti: a few inches long, slender and either white or light brown
- Roundworms may be passed in the stool or may be vomited up
- RECOMMENDED TREATMENT: Pyrantel Pamoate. This medication is safe for kittens and puppies at 3 weeks of age. Doses are repeated every two weeks until around 9-12 weeks of age.
- Follow ALL directions on label/package.

EAR MITES:

- Today we may have noticed evidence of possible ear mites in your pet's ears. The ears may have been "dirty", had excess wax, or had evidence of another problem. We may have applied a medication called Entederm/Animax to your pet's ears to soothe the ear and loosen debris temporarily.
- We cannot diagnose if your pet has ear mites (or another problem) without a microscopic and otoscopic exam. We recommend making an appointment with your regular vet to be sure there is not further concern, like a ruptured ear drum or inner ear problem.
- **Do NOT:**
 - clean your pet's ears – unless on the advice of your veterinarian
 - put anything in your pet's ears until your regular vet can recommend the best treatment for your pet