

# Fleas

## What do they look like?

Adult fleas are between 1 and 4mm long and are brownish in colour. They do not have wings, however they have powerful legs adapted for jumping. The female flea can live up to two years and lay up to 1000 eggs.

## Where do they live?

Adult fleas live as parasites of warm blooded animals. Female fleas lay their eggs near or on the infested animal. Fleas can also survive in carpeting and soft furnishings.

## What do they eat?

Adult fleas feed on blood. Larvae feed on debris and adult flea droppings.

## Can fleas harm us?

It has not been proven that fleas can transmit any serious illness to human beings.

Flea bites can cause severe irritation to those bitten.

## How do you treat and control fleas?

Prevent the build up of any infestation by removing eggs and larvae from floors, furniture and pet bedding, by regular cleaning of all areas with a vacuum cleaner.

To achieve effective control pets must be treated with treatments approved for veterinary use.

**Insecticide:** Powder or liquid spray can be used to treat infested premises.

**NB: After treatment with insecticide, surfaces should not be washed or vacuumed for at least 10 days, as new adult fleas can emerge from cocoons up to a month after treatment.**



## Knowsley Pest Control Service:

**We can provide a service, however a charge will be incurred.**

Commercial pest control companies are listed in the Yellow Pages and Thompson's Local Directory.