

SOCO - Zoonoses Prevention

FLEAS

Fleas in our county spread disease.

- Many people get sick from flea borne typhus every year.
- Pets catch tapeworms when they swallow fleas.
- Cat scratch fever spreads to cats by fleas.

Fleas multiply on wildlife and pets.

- Flea eggs roll off of animals into their beds or nests. So keep your pet's bedding clean.
- Flea eggs hatch into new fleas when pets or people come near.
- Wild animals will nest near your home if you have hiding places and food for them.

You can control fleas.

- Don't feed wildlife - keep pet food indoors.
- Trim vegetation and seal off crawl spaces, so wild animals don't sleep there.
- Use monthly flea prevention medicine on your pet. Some flea products for dogs are NOT safe for cats.

FECES and OTHER GERMS

Pets and people can give germs to each other.

- Kids can catch roundworms if they play in soil where pets poop.
- Diarrhea or rashes on pets can spread germs to people.
- Pets can catch flu from people.

Protect your whole family by keeping your pet healthy.

- Pets and people need doctors. If you have a pet, get a vet.
- Keep your pet's shots up-to-date.
- If your pet has a health problem, get it checked.

Practice good germ-control habits.

- Wash hands after handling your pet and its bedding.
- If you have the flu, do not cuddle your pet until you are better.
- Pick up and discard your pet's feces at least once a day.