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FLEA CONTROL FACT SHEET

OBJECT OF FLEA CONTROL

Cooper Pest Control's treatment is designed to: 1) Reduce the number of adult fleas present within the home, and 2) Interrupt the breeding of the fleas thus preventing a breeding infestation from continuing within the home. The elimination of fleas typically occurs within one month's time, however, there are many factors that can cause flea problems to persist for many months. (see expectations section below)

WHAT TO EXPECT

Expect to continue to see adult fleas for 2-6 weeks following application. In most cases the numbers of fleas will be greatly reduced within several days of the treatment with only small numbers persisting over the next few week for the following reasons:

1. Newly hatched adults emerge from the protected pupal stage
The pupal stages of the flea are completely protected from pesticides. Thus treatments do not affect this developmental stage. Fleas will continue to hatch into adults from the pupal stage for approximately one month. The newly hatched adults will be controlled by the residual contact pesticides used during the original treatment.
2. The pet continues to bring adult fleas in from the outside.
Although the pet is dipped at the time of the home treatment, the flea dip does not prevent fleas from getting onto the pet once it is brought home

In some cases fleas can continue to persist in large numbers or may persist for many months.

There are a number of reasons why this may occur:

- ◆ **Fleas may continue to breed in areas of the home that were not completely accessible for treatment**
- ◆ **Flea control efforts on the pet may be failing**
- ◆ **Mammals that have fleas (i.e. squirrels, raccoons, feral cats) may be contributing to the continued introduction of fleas**

WHEN TO PLACE A SERVICE CALL

Additional pesticide applications will not control the sporadic hatch of fleas from the pupal stage any more effectively than the rate of kill from the original treatment.

Additional service calls should only be placed if:

- If the adult flea infestation is not significantly reduced within 3-4 days of the original treatment or the number of fleas continues to persist at unacceptable levels after several weeks a service call should be placed to have an evaluation performed to determine what additional actions may be necessary.
- It is important to understand that there is a charge associated with all service calls following the original treatment; unless you have a maintenance agreement that specifically covers fleas. Depending upon the severity and complexity of the flea infestation.