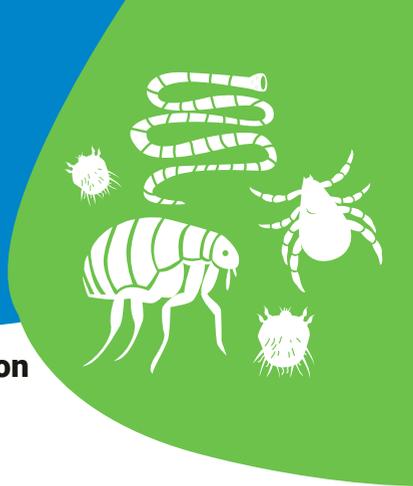


DON'T LET PESTS BUG YOUR BEST MATE!



A PARASITE is a tiny bug or worm that lives on or inside your pet. They steal the food from your pet's guts or eat their blood to survive.

Some parasites can make your pet sick – and some can even spread to people.

COMMON PARASITES INCLUDE:

Fleas



They bite and make pets itchy. Some pets are allergic to fleas and develop hair loss and skin infections. They also carry tapeworm.

Mites



These live on the skin or in the ears. Some cause itching and hair loss on the body, called mange.

Ticks



They suck blood and some inject venom that can be deadly, like the paralysis tick.

Worms



They can live inside your pet's guts or their heart.

They can cause health problems like:

diarrhoea



weight loss



low iron and energy



**heart and lung disease
(from heartworm)**



Some types of worms, especially hookworm and heartworm, can be deadly.

SOME BUGS CAN AFFECT PEOPLE TOO



Fleas can live in your home. When they jump up and bite you, they make you itchy and annoyed. They can also carry tapeworm, which can infect humans.



Sarcoptic mites can spread to people, causing itchy, red rashes on your skin, called scabies.



Roundworm has been linked to blindness in children.



Paralysis ticks can trigger allergic reactions for some people. Paralysis ticks can potentially paralyse small children.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PETS AND FAMILY

- The best way to protect your pet and your family is to give medicine to stop bugs before they cause trouble.
- There are medicines that cover many common bugs in one dose.

Depending on where you live, where you travel, and advice from your vet, make sure the product, or combination of products you choose covers:



Fleas



Heartworm



Mites



Tapeworm

(this often needs to be given as a separate medicine)



Intestinal worms

(roundworm, whipworm and hookworm)



Ticks

(especially paralysis ticks depending on where you live)

Talk to your local vet for advice about what medicine works best where you live.