



Carpeting is involved in most household flea infestations. Spraying carpet is the most common control method for flea infestations—but not always the most successful one. The reason for this has a lot to do with the habits of flea larvae and the structure of carpeting. Cat flea infestations indoors involve: adult fleas on the pet (and sometimes in the carpet); eggs in the carpet at pet sleeping sites; and, larvae in the carpet at pet sleeping sites.

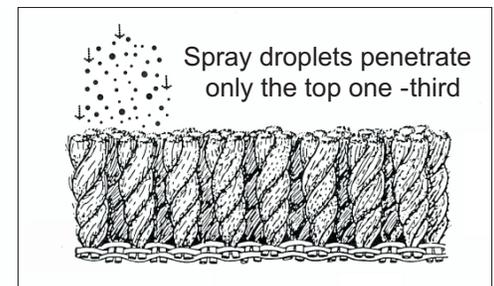
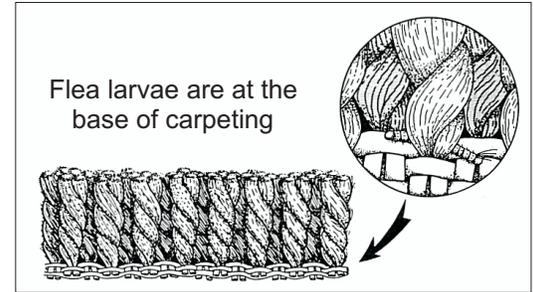
Adults. Treatments applied directly on the animal are effective in controlling adult fleas on pet dogs and cats. These chemicals are typically applied monthly, and within 2 weeks the household infestation can start to decline.

Eggs. Vacuuming can effectively remove flea eggs from carpeting. Vacuuming before treatment can also be helpful in removing dirt and the (dried-blood) feces from adult fleas. Fragments of dried blood at the base of the carpet are the main food of flea larvae. This is an unusual case of adult insects feeding the larvae.

Larvae. Vacuuming does not remove all flea larvae from carpet—only about 20% are removed. Larvae are at the base of the carpet pile, wedged into the base material. Long setae on the larva's body provide the grip that holds larvae in place, and keeps them out of the vacuum cleaner bag.

Pet Sleeping Sites. Flea larvae are not evenly distributed in the house; they are concentrated in and around the pet sleeping sites. Here the eggs fall from the fur when the animal wakes (and shakes), and it is here the dried blood from adult fleas will fall. The presence of dried blood and eggs provides a successful larval development site. Locate the pet sleeping areas and you'll have the major flea breeding sites, treat the carpet in those sites and you'll have the best results.

Spraying. There is only limited penetration of spray droplets into carpeting. Droplets enter only the top one-third of the carpet pile, and there is little 'drip' to the pile below. The best application methods are: move the furniture to treat sections of carpet in long strips, treat under and around furniture the pet sleeps on, use full pressure in the tank; and use the coarse fan nozzle on your B&G. Increasing the tank pressure, or spraying close to the carpet will not increase penetration. Plan the treatment so that spraying can be done in long strips, and overlap the strip pattern about 7 inches. This will ensure even distribution of the liquid to the carpet.



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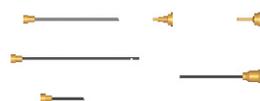
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