

# PROTECTING YOUR PET FROM PARASITES?

## Here's how to use treatments safely

Parasites such as fleas, ticks and worms can make your pet ill or uncomfortable. Some may also risk spreading disease to other animals or humans, so it's important to follow your vet's advice for treatment and prevention.

If not used carefully, the medicines which prevent and treat parasites may harm you, your pet, wildlife and the environment. Our tips help you use them safely.



## Keeping pets safe

- Only use products for the animal they're prescribed for – they may harm others.
- Use the right product for the species – eg never use a dog product on a cat.
- Follow your vet's advice on treatment frequency and when to finish the course.
- Avoid your pet's eyes, ears and mouth when applying spot-on treatments, and make sure other animals can't groom or lick them.

## Keeping people safe

- Check the label to see if you are sensitive to any ingredients.
- Seek medical advice if you experience any adverse reactions.
- Avoid contact with your skin, eyes or mouth.
- Do not stroke or groom your animal until spot-on treatments are dry.

## Keeping our planet safe

- Discuss treatment options with your vet to minimise environmental risks.
- Check instructions before your pet is washed or swims. The medicine can wash off, stop working and harm wildlife and the environment.
- Dispose of the packaging safely and return unused products to your vet.
- Always pick up your pet's poo and dispose of it responsibly.