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## FLEA CONTROL INFORMATION & CHECKLIST

A flea's life cycle begins when the female lays eggs after feeding. Fleas can lay up to 50 eggs a day making areas where the host sleeps one of the primary habitats of eggs and developing fleas. Flea eggs are impervious to pesticides and treatments against them and hatch 2-14 days after being laid. Normal flea populations consist of 50% eggs, 35% larvae, 10% pupae and 5% adults! Larvae are blind, avoid light, pass through three larval stages and take between a week to several months to develop. Fleas mature to adulthood within a silken cocoon woven by the larva to which pet hair, carpet fiber, dust, grass cuttings, and other debris adheres. In as little as five to fourteen days after forming a cocoon, adult fleas emerge to feed or will remain dormant in the cocoon until a suitable host arrives. Fleas are able to detect movement, pressure, heat, noise, or carbon dioxide in order to find a host.

## PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLEA SERVICE

For your protection, Amerigand requires all flea services to comply with our client preparation checklist before the flea treatment can begin. We recommend vacuuming thoroughly and disposing of your vacuum bag, picking up all toys and objects on the floors and moving all furniture away from the walls. Upon arrival, your flea technician will verify completion of the preparation checklist. Failure to complete the steps listed in the preparation checklist may delay treatment and potentially void any guarantees on our flea service.

- 1. Pick up <u>all</u> items from the floor (toys, objects, shoes, clothing, etc.)
- 2. Pull away easy-to-move furniture from the wall approximately 12 inches.
- 3. Seal aquariums with plastic halfway down the glass and keep the filters unplugged for a six (6) hour period.
- 4. Remove all items and objects in all of the closets off of the floor.
- 5. Ensure all open food items are put away.
- 6. Vacuum all carpeted areas thoroughly and empty and either dispose or replace vacuum cleaner bag.
- 7. Ensure that all windows are closed prior to technician arriving for your treatment.
- 8. People and pets may re-enter treated areas six (6) hours after treatment time.
- 9. All pets should be on flea control medication or treated for fleas at time of service before re-entry. Without eliminating fleas where they start, your pets will continue to re-infest your home.

Note: Persons with pregnancy, ailing health and infants under one (1) year old should consult a physician prior to service. In the event you are unable to contact a physician, AmeriGuard Pest Defense recommends a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours before re-entering.

## **HOMEOWNER'S FOLLOW-UP**

- 1. Upon returning to the premises, open windows to air out residence.
- 2. Remove plastic from aquariums and plug filter back in.
- 3. Vacuum carpet thoroughly the following day to remove egg sacs from carpet.
- 4. Your follow-up fogging service will be scheduled 7-10 days after your initial service. All of the same rules of re-entry will apply to the second follow-up service.

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