

## What's new on the flea and tick front?

Spring is definitely here. And while this is a glorious time of the year, it also has us thinking about how we are going to control the fleas and ticks on our pets. Following this year's mild winter, they are probably already a step ahead of us. Surprisingly, there is not a "one size" fits all solution. The best answer is to use whatever works well for you and check with your veterinarian if the products don't seem to be effective.

For dogs and ticks:

- No oral medicine works on ticks. Among the old standbys are Frontline Plus, Advantix and Bio-Spot. A new product that kills ticks and fleas is Certifect. It is just like Frontline Plus with the addition of Amitraz for added strength against ticks.

For dogs and fleas:

- The newcomers are Trifexis and Comfortis. Trifexis is a 3-way parasite protection against fleas, heartworm and intestinal worms available in a chewable tablet. Comfortis has been around for a couple of years as a spot treatment, but is now also available in a chewable tablet.

For cats:

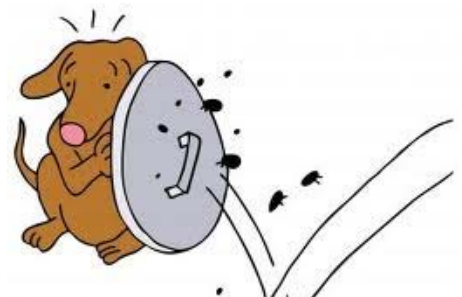
- Advantage II and Frontline Plus still appear to be the best products to use. Advantage II targets all life stages of a flea and Frontline works on the ticks in addition to the fleas.

## Spring Flea Control Tip

**Include the outdoors when you treat the indoors.**

**An effective flea control program is a three-step approach:**

1. Treat the pet
2. Treat the home
3. Treat the outdoor pet area



Flea eggs and larvae are most often found in shady, humid areas of the yard, including foundation plantings, under decks, and other areas where pets may lay. One way to determine if the yard is infested is to walk around the property wearing white athletic socks, pulled to the knee. If fleas are present, they will be seen against the white background of the socks.



## WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- Volunteer
- Support the businesses supporting SNAP  
(See a list on [Snap123.org](http://Snap123.org) )
- Donate
- Sponsor a Case

### Thanks from the Brown Family

Alice is a single parent with 3 animals, all strays, two female cats and one male dog. She works but lives on a very tight budget. She was able to keep the cats from having litters for two years, and is very excited to have that worry behind her.

Alice wrote, "Thank you so much for helping us get our pets fixed. Without SNAP, I would not be able to get the animals done. Please extend our thanks to all the volunteers and donors who make this program possible. God bless."

## In Memoriam

Kevin Kaiser

Kim Luckfield

Anitra's dog Maddie

## CAN YOU HELP?

**Case # 10** – Rose just moved to Springfield from Elkland. She lives in public housing and is required to fix her pets. She also does not want any more litters. She has 3 Chihuahua mix dogs, all female, that range in age from 1 to 5 years old. Over the years she has had 7 unwanted litters. She also has a cat that needs to be spayed. SNAP's cost to get the animals fixed is \$235. She can contribute \$30.

**Case #11** – Jan lives in an area where animals, especially cats, are regularly dumped and reproduce quickly. She has taken in numerous dogs and cats over the years but now lives on Social Security Disability. She has 8 female cats and 11 male cats that need to be fixed. The cost to get them fixed is \$730. Jan would appreciate any help. She wants to pay half of that amount but in 5 months has not had any extra money and is now running into pregnancy issues.

**Case #12** – Teresa lives just north of Springfield and has 2 large mixed breed dogs, both females; one is a 4 month old pup from the other female that was pregnant when she showed up. Teresa also has 4 male cats, 1-4years old, that also need to be fixed. The family is on public assistance and both parents have been laid off from their jobs. SNAP's cost for surgery for these animals is \$320. Teresa is paying \$50 of this total.

If you are able to help fix any of these animals, please send your donation to SNAP, PO Box 14354, Springfield, MO 65814. You can specify on the memo line which case you would like to help. In the event the case you specify has already been helped by another caring donor, your contribution will be used to help a different but equally in-need pet owner as determined by the SNAP team. Thank you for your support!



COME VISIT US AT ARTSFEST!

SNAP will again have a booth at [ArtsFest](#) on Walnut Street May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Look for us with the other not-for-profit organizations on Hammons Parkway or, if the timing is right, volunteer to work a shift with another SNAP volunteer! We will be selling our bandanas, doing a children's activity, and of course, educating people about spay/neuter. To volunteer, contact Cindy at (417) 522-5643.

## *We need your support!*

**YES!** I would like to become a member of SNAP to help reduce the number of unwanted animals born in Southwest Missouri. I understand that by becoming a member, I will receive a quarterly newsletter, acknowledgement on the SNAP website, and an invitation to SNAP's annual meeting. (Membership is renewable annually and is tax deductible. Payment may be made by check or money order.)

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- OR** \_\_\_\_\_ I want to help! Please send information about becoming a SNAP volunteer.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I want to support SNAP's work with the enclosed tax-deductible donation.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please accept a donation in memory of \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to set up a monthly gift as an automatic withdrawal. Please contact me!  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to "Sponsor-a-Spay". I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ to sponsor  
\_\_\_\_\_ A specific pet (Indicate pet's name) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ The pet at the top of SNAP's waiting list.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Case # \_\_\_\_\_ on page 2 of this newsletter.

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