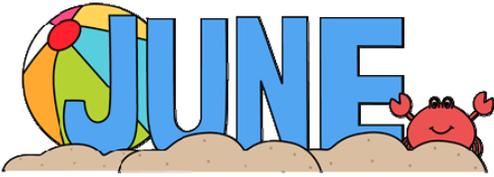


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## The Secrets To Controlling Fleas

Summer is here and many Orange County homeowners are starting to see fleas attacking their families and pets.

Fleas bite dogs, cats and people. Their bites cause itching and irritation, and some sensitive animals may even require veterinary assistance. Fleas can also transmit disease, such as tapeworms and bacterial infections.

These pests multiply rapidly and if you ignore early problem signs, infestations can quickly spiral out of control.

### What You Need To Know About Fleas

Cat fleas (*Ctenocephalides felis*) are the most common fleas infesting both dogs and cats. Opossums, racoons, rats and other wildlife, are also common carriers of these fleas.

One of the most important things you need to know about fleas is that they have a **complete lifecycle** (egg, larvae, pupal, and adult stages). This is so important to understand because if you only attempt to control just one stage of the lifecycle, it will have little if any affect on the other three stages.

Let's say that you decided to go to the market and purchase one of those "flea bombs" that you see advertised. If you set one of those off in your home, you may see a temporary reduction in the number of adult fleas. The problem with this type of product is that it will have almost no effect on the eggs or pupae. In other words, if you still have thousands of flea eggs and pupae spread

throughout your home, you will quickly see new fleas emerging because they were unaffected by your treatment.

### How To Control Fleas

The biggest secret of controlling fleas is to break their lifecycle. Here are some steps you can take to make this happen:

- **Have your pets treated.** Adult fleas spend most of their time on dogs or cats. This is why treatment of your pets is an essential step in ridding your home of fleas. We especially recommend that you take your pets to a veterinarian. The products they use are proven to work, and if you'll make this a consistent habit, you may never experience another flea problem at your home.
- **Vacuum your home.** Use a powerful vacuum to remove flea eggs, larvae and pupae from your floors, carpet, upholstery and drapes. When finished, it is very important that you empty the vacuum into a sealed trash can outside of your home. By doing a thorough job of vacuuming, you are helping to prevent thousands of fleas from ever developing.
- **Wash pet bedding.** Pet bedding can be a hotspot for fleas and washing these items will eliminate countless numbers of them.
- **Treatment of premises.** In some cases, you may find it necessary to treat the premises, as well as the pets.

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### 70 Years Ago . . .

On June 25, 1951. The CBS television network became the first in the world to begin broadcasting in color.

### Remembering A Great Actress

*"I like a man who can run faster than I can."*

Jane Russell, born June 21, 1921

## Rave Reviews!

*“Everything went perfectly smooth! Skip came out and gave us an estimate last year and after 6 months and several other estimates we hired these guys. Mostly because they gave lots of details and informed me rather than me having to know what to ask. Besides the price being one of the lowest. I was informed exactly when every step would happen and before we knew it we were back in the house. I highly recommend this company.”*

Vicki Holland  
Costa Mesa

*“I have used Termite Terry’s services, many times over many years. I am very pleased, and like the personal feel of their service.*

*Because it’s a smaller family-owned business, we get to know our guys and they get to know our likes and issues we have at our home.*

*We appreciate having the in-between visit option when needed, and we appreciate how they call and confirm our appointments the day before.”*

Jennifer Lane  
Costa Mesa

*“Termite Terry has been serving my house for quite a few years, for both rodent control and termite control. I live in the woods where pests like these are a common recurrence. I used a few other pest control services before. None of them seemed very capable as the termites returned every few months. But since Terry’s team did the termite service on my house a few years ago, my house is still free of termites.*

*Recently, I had some major rat issues because of the wild fires destroying the woods surrounding here. They did a good job trying to find every nook and cranny, and sealed them up. Terry’s team is very professional, and the quality of service has been very consistent. Definitely recommended.”*

Spencer Li  
Silverado

This will help to speed up the elimination of fleas within your home.

When using any product, you should always follow the label’s instructions very carefully.

Applications can be made by using liquid or aerosol products.

Applications should be thorough and include all likely areas of flea development. Flooring, carpets, rugs, under and behind beds and furniture, and under sofa cushions should all be treated. Look for areas where pets spend most of their time because a majority of the eggs, larvae and pupae will be found in those places.

- **Use a product that contains an insect growth regulator!** When selecting a product, read the list of ingredients and look for a product that contains “methoprene” or “pyriproxyfen”. These are insect growth regulators and they will halt the development of flea eggs and larvae. This is like “birth control” for fleas, and one of the best ways to break the insect’s lifecycle.
- **Treat the exterior areas of your home.** Concentrate on areas where pets rest, sleep and run. It is important to note that fleas do not do well in direct sunlight, so treatment of the entire yard is seldom necessary. Areas that are shaded and receive little or no sunlight should be inspected and treated as needed.
- **Make your yard less desirable for stray cats and wildlife.** Some people are experiencing flea problems – even when they don’t own a pet. Why is this happening? Well, the reason for this could simply be that they have wild animals living in, or visiting their yards – especially at night.  
One of the best ways to make your yard less attractive for these animals is to eliminate areas where they can hide. Check for areas of heavy vegetation, and cut

it back or thin it out as needed. If you can see the ground under these plants, the animals won’t be able to hide there and they will naturally look for another place for harborage.

You should clean up excess clutter around your home to remove areas where animals can hide.

If you feed your pets outside, please make it a habit to remove food and water bowls at night. This will help to keep these other animals from coming to your house for a late-night snack.

- **Keep on vacuuming!** Even after performing treatments, you may still see some fleas in your home. That is why we recommend you vacuum your home on a daily basis, until the problem goes away. Further treatments of your home’s interior are usually not necessary.

If you’ll take these tips and put them to use, you’ll be able to solve a lot of your flea problems on your own. Have a tough flea problem and need help with it? Call us at **(949) 631-7348** and we’ll be happy to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

## 1,000 Cats Join The Rat Patrol!

An animal shelter in Chicago has released 1,000 feral cats throughout the city. The city hopes that this new “Rat Patrol” will help to end its ranking as the rat capital of the US.

The program is called, “Cats at Work”, and is sponsored by the Tree House Humane Society. The program’s manager, Sarah Liss, said that her organization had noticed that cats were already making a difference on Chicago’s streets. By increasing the number of troops on the ground (cats), they believe they can help to solve the

problem even faster.

The Tree House Humane Society says that their program will be kind to the felines, which would otherwise face long stays in shelters and often even euthanasia.

Before being released, these cats are neutered and vaccinated. They will be placed, two or three at a time, into residential areas or commercial settings. A registered caretaker will see to their wellbeing.

There is currently a long waiting lists for these "Rat Troopers". If you live in Chicago, you can request assistance at a fee of \$600 to \$800. The money will be used to provide cat crate rentals, heating pads, litter boxes, and heated water bowls.

Only time will tell if this program works. The rats are out of control and we need all the help we can get.

## Malibu Home's Deck Collapses

More than a dozen party-goers were on the deck at a rented home in Malibu when it collapsed.

The next-door neighbor was filming the party. The people were out on the deck, enjoying the view and having a good time. A second later, they fell 15-feet to rocks, sand, broken glass, and splintered wood. Two people were critically injured. Four were transported to a hospital.

The owners say their rental agreement stated that no more than six people were allowed to be on the deck at one time, and that parties were prohibited.

Some of the party-goers are now going to sue the owner. They say that video footage shows the deck's wood was in poor condition, rotted, and that it was a disaster waiting to happen.

Attorney, Greyson Goody, is representing the man who rented the house.

"The deck was in pretty poor

condition. Even if it was six people or one person, nobody should've been allowed on that deck," Mr. Goody said.

Attorneys for the owner say the deck was inspected in 2018, and that no rotted wood was found.

This could become a major lawsuit. If your home has a wood deck, have it carefully inspected and repaired, if needed. This is one type of headache you don't need!

## President's Economic Stimulus

Gasoline prices are going up rapidly. Our President "feels your pain" and wants to help by filling up your tank with FREE gasoline.

Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from President Termite Terry's Economic Stimulus Plan:

- David Horlacher of Costa Mesa referred us to David Marzullo of Costa Mesa.
- Tammy Frias of Santa Ana recommended us to Shiraz Abuaker of Santa Ana.
- Tim Steele of Newport Beach referred us to Albert Sandberg of Newport Beach.
- Lu and Barbara Runge of Costa Mesa referred us to Kate Ross of Costa Mesa.

The President's plan is easy and with your help, we can **double the number of people who get FREE GAS each month**. All you have to do is simply refer us to someone who needs a termite treatment, wood repairs, or a monthly pest control service. And, if they hire us, we'll send you a **\$50.00 Gas Card**. That is real economic stimulation you can bank on!

## National Papaya Month!

June is here and it is National Papaya Month. Here are some fun facts about this wonderful fruit:

- The papaya is native to southern Mexico and neighboring Central America.
- There are two main types of papaya: Hawaiian, and Mexican.
- Hawaiian papayas are pear-shaped, and the flesh is bright orange or pinkish, depending on the variety.
- Mexican papayas are much larger than those from Hawaii, and their flesh may be yellow, orange or pink.
- The papaya tree grows fast, and can bear fruit within six to twelve months.
- India produces 45% of the world's papayas, followed by Brazil, Mexico, Dominican Republic and Indonesia.
- In the U.S., papaya production is concentrated in Hawaii. Other areas of cultivation include California, Florida and Texas.
- Papaya is the only fruit that contains papain. This is an enzyme that has the ability to digest protein.
- Papain has been used as a meat tenderizer for thousands of years, and is still found in many of today's meat tenderizing products.
- The seeds of a papaya can be ground up and used as a substitute for black pepper.
- Papayas are high in fiber, and loaded with Vitamin C and A.
- You've heard people say that carrots are good for your eyes, but studies show the beta-carotene in papayas is three-times easier to absorb than the beta carotene in carrots or tomatoes.

I love papayas and all of this talk about them is making me hungry. How about us having a shrimp-stuffed papaya for lunch, today? That "do" sound good!

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## **Pay Up, Or You’ll Get Hit With 1,000 Roaches!**

Members of an organized crime syndicate decided to send a “special message” to a restaurant owner, who allegedly forgot to pay off his loan.

Police are investigating an attack, where two gang members threw thousands of roaches into a restaurant. They believe the attack may have been in retaliation for an unpaid debt.

Security camera footage was released by the police. Two men, wearing black, can be seen breaking into the restaurant. After going inside, they walk over to an area located near a counter, and then fling a bag containing thousands of roaches up in the air.

By time the police arrived on scene, the two men had already fled on a scooter. Security camera footage revealed that a woman and two other men were also involved in this crime.

A day later, the four men and woman were arrested in two separate police raids. The police were able to identify the suspects from footage provided by security cameras. The five suspects were between 20 and 26 years old.

After being arrested, one of the suspects told the police they were ordered to release the roaches because the restaurant owner had not paid off his debt to “certain people”. This suspect also said he’d get 30% of the loot if he was able to make the restaurant owner pay.

Need some cash? Sounds like you had better be careful who you borrow from, or you may really need an exterminator! ☺



“Termite” Terry Singleton