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My pet has fleas and/or ticks, what can I do?

The first thing to do is to look at what preventive care you are currently using to treat your pet. Are you using the correct and best product for your pet? Where did you purchase it? Are you treating ALL of the pets in your household? Are you using a monthly preventative EVERY single month? Do your pets swim or get bathed often? Do your pets come into contact with other pets at daycare, the groomers, around the neighborhood, etc.? Do you have any wildlife in your yard? All of these questions and more must be addressed when deciding which product is best. With so many options available today the confusion is ever so great. The best piece of advice I can give is to always talk to your veterinarian first before trying any flea/tick prevention. Not all preventatives work the same way and there is not one single product that is right for everyone.

Is it safe to get my pet's flea or tick products from the big discount store or online?

My honest answer is I don't know! As a veterinarian, I can tell you exactly where all of the products that we sell come from, who manufactures it, what the known side effects are, how it has been stored and we can answer any of the questions you may have about our products. Products purchased either online or from other sources can have many variables. There is no guarantee that products purchased online are not counterfeit, expired, or have been properly manufactured and stored. The FDA has published a wonderful handout titled "Online Pet Pharmacies and Protecting Yourself and Your Pet"! We have linked this article to our website which is available at www.sedgefieldvet.com under our "links" page.

Is my pet's 'generic' Fipronil (or Frontline®) product the same thing as what I get at the vet?

The answer is no, it is NOT the same! We do not recommend these "generic" products that claim to be, "The same as Frontline Plus®". Though these products may have the same active ingredient of Fipronil, the concentration is different. Even more

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important, these products do not use the same carrier ingredients that allow the product to be absorbed into the oil glands to make the product work. Nor do these products contain the ingredients that kill flea eggs and larva. Therefore, 16 days later the eggs will hatch and you will have a much worse problem on your hands. The biggest reason why I don't recommend these "generic" products is because of the reactions! The generics can have more frequent and much worse reactions. In conclusion, your veterinarian is your best and most reliable source for questions and when your pet needs any medications or preventatives.

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