

# Choose Chewable Flea and Tick Control Meds for Your Pets

Topical flea and tick treatments (spot-on products and collars) contain toxic pesticides that can transfer onto hands, clothing, and indoor surfaces around your home. When washing pets, bedding, and clothing, these pesticides pass through wastewater treatment plants and pollute San Francisco Bay. House “bombs” and foggers also leave pesticide residue and have limited effectiveness.

**Speak to your vet about using oral medications to control fleas and ticks. Visit [baywise.org](http://baywise.org) for more information for you and your vet, and to learn how to safely dispose of expired pet medications.**

## Reduce flea and tick problems before they start!

- **Fleas:** Make your own flea trap by placing soapy water in a shallow baking tray and leaving a lamp aimed at the tray overnight. Regularly vacuum floors, furniture, pet bedding and other fabrics. Use a flea comb dipped in soapy water to capture fleas.
- **Ticks:** Reduce ticks by regularly grooming and inspecting your pet, and aim to keep pets out of grassy areas.



**To learn more about watershed protection, visit [cleanbay.org](http://cleanbay.org) or call 650.329.2122.**

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