

BE SPOT-ON AWARE



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Flea and tick spot-ons are an important way to protect your pet's health but how you use them really matters.

The way these medicines are applied can affect how well they work and whether they end up in our waterways and wider environment.

SMALL STEPS, BIG IMPACT



PLAN



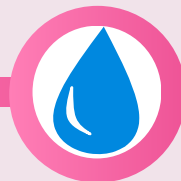
-  Pick a time when you won't be in close contact with your pet, for example at night or before you go to work
-  If you need to wash your pet then do it in the days before applying the medicine, rather than afterwards.






APPLY



-  Read instructions or visit VMD Product Information Database to apply it right
-  Part your pet's fur at application site(s) until you can see the skin, apply directly to the skin not the fur

PROTECT



-  Keep your hands away from the application site until its dry
-  Do not let your pet swim for at least 4 days after application
-  Limit swimming and washing your pet in the weeks following application
-  Bin used pipettes- don't rinse them down the sink or recycle
-  Put treated fur in the bin, don't leave out for birds

Seek professional advice from your vet or medicine supplier about your flea and tick control if these steps prove difficult for you and your pet, or if your medicine appears to not be working.

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WHY RESPONSIBLE SPOT-ON USE MATTERS



PLAN

- ✓ Applying to clean, dry fur helps the treatment absorb properly
- ✓ You won't need to wash your pet soon after application which minimises the risk of the chemical ending up on you, your home and eventually the environment



APPLY

- ✓ The treatment needs to reach the skin to be absorbed and work correctly
- ✓ Applying to fur reduces effectiveness, meaning your pet won't get the protection you paid for and these chemicals could end up in the environment



PROTECT

- ✓ When pets swim or are washed soon after treatment, these chemicals can wash off into waterways.
- ✓ Even small amounts of these chemicals can harm aquatic insects like mayflies, which are an important part of healthy river ecosystems
- ✓ Binning pipettes and treated fur keeps these chemicals out of the water system