

## Parasite Control: Navigating the Maze of Product Choices

Ahh, beautiful, mild San Diego...where parasite season is year-round! First, there are the external parasites; the most popular being fleas and ticks. Ticks are bloodsucking parasites, prevalent around our canyons and trails. Fleas can drive your furry friend mad with skin irritation, which can be so severe as to cause hair loss and rash. Certainly no pet parent wants to welcome fleas into their home where they can infest carpets and furniture. And, did you know they can also cause nasty internal parasites? When a pet nibbles at their skin due to a flea irritation, they may ingest the flea, which can cause tapeworms which they can share with their human companions. And that's not the only worm that can find its way into your pet. There's also the deadly heartworms, caused by infected mosquitos; hookworms, roundworms and whipworms, all which live in infected soil and can be transmitted to humans. So, there's no doubt that parasite control is a necessity for the health and well-being of San Diego pets and their owners.

But it seems like there's a new flea product introduced almost daily! How is it possible to keep up with what's available and, more importantly, what works? We're here to help. Let us give you a rundown on our favorite flea preventives and make it easier to determine which one is right for your pet.

### Cats

Product	Main Ingredient	Flea Kill Efficacy	Protects Against	Frequency Given	Method of Administration
Advantage Multi	Imidacloprid + Moxidectin	100% in 12 hours	Fleas, Ear Mites, Roundworms, Hookworms & Heartworms	Monthly	Topical
Cheristin	Spinetoram	100% in 12 hours	Fleas	Monthly	Topical
Comfortis	Spinosad	98-100% in 4 hours	Fleas	Monthly	Oral
Frontline Plus	Fipronil + (S)-Methoprene	100% in 12 hours	Fleas, Ticks & Chewing Lice	Monthly	Topical



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## Dogs

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Bravecto	Fluralaner	100% in 12 hours	Fleas & Ticks	Every 3 months	Oral
Comfortis	Spinosad	98-100% in 4 hours	Fleas	Monthly	Oral
Frontline Plus	Fipronil + (S)-Methoprene	100% in 12 hours	Fleas, Ticks & Chewing Lice	Monthly	Topical
Interceptor Plus	Milbemycine Oxime + Praziquantel	N/A	Heartworms, Hookworms, Roundworms, Whipworms & Tapeworms	Monthly	Oral
Trifexis	Spinosad + Milbemycin Oxime	100% in 4 hours	Fleas, Heartworms, Hookworms, Roundworms & Whipworms	Monthly	Oral



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Hopefully, this rundown gives you a better picture of all the options available for your pet's protection from parasites. Still unsure or have additional questions? Please call us, email us, or stop by and we'll be happy to help you through the maze of products!