



6th Avenue Animal Clinic and Clinton Hill Animal Clinic Newsletter

Insect Born Diseases and Their Impact on Pets and Humans

Bites from fleas, ticks and mosquitoes should not only be viewed as an annoyance but also a potential route of exposure to several serious diseases that can infect humans, cats and dogs. Some of these illnesses include heartworm disease, cat scratch fever and lyme disease. The risk of infection is of concern in the North Eastern urban and rural areas, including New York, as well as other regions across the United States.

Grass, soil and puddles, provide shelter and moisture creating breeding grounds for fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. In the North East, these insects are most active from spring to early winter. Ticks can even survive the deep frost of winter.

People and pets bring fleas and ticks into the house. One adult female flea lays three to four hundred eggs every four weeks. Fleas typically feed on your pet 20% of the time. The other 80% they are roaming free in your home. It is advisable to check yourself and your pets when you come in from outside. If fleas or ticks are found, it is important to treat the house and pet with appropriate products. Ask Dr. Dendtler about disease symptoms to be observant for.

Fleas, ticks and mosquitoes can be responsible for infestations that are costly and labor intensive to battle and they can transmit diseases to people and pets. It is best to prevent these infestations using monthly, topical medication and getting your pet tested for parasites. At Bridge Plaza Animal Clinic, we sell the safest, most effective flea, tick and mosquito preventatives currently available.

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