My dog has fleas...

- Fleas, similar to cockroaches, can adapt to their environment. They become stronger and more immune to commercial flea control chemicals with each generation.

- Most fleas are living in your pet's environment, rather than in its fur. For every flea found on your pet there approximately 30 more living in your home.

- A single flea can lay as many as 60 eggs per day & the lifespan of a flea is about 90 days, but the hibernating cocoon can survive up to a year without feeding.

If that’s not enough to make you cringe, 50% of American families report using flea & tick control products on pets, exposing millions of children to toxic chemicals on a daily basis. Research also shows that thousands of pets may be sickened or die each year as a result of chronic low-dose exposure to organophosphate-based insecticides through their flea and tick collars.

Here are a few natural alternatives to controlling to pesky fleas:

- Groom & bathe your pet regularly
- Put a small dish of soapy water near your pets’ bed at night
  - The warmth of the light will attract the fleas & they will drown in the soapy water.
- Vacuum & wash your pets’ area regularly
  - By vacuuming, you are getting rid of all those eggs that fleas lay, but be sure to dispose of that vacuum bag quickly so that they don’t find their way back out.
- Give your animal garlic or yeast
  - Mixing it into your pets’ food makes their blood unappealing to the fleas. But don’t give garlic to cats’ as it can be toxic. Yeast is the route for cats, usually nutritional or brewer’s yeast.

For additional information regarding the treatment of flea bites, eliminating or reducing flea infestation, and the proportions for your animals’ garlic or yeast, please visit: http://eartheasy.com/live_natural_flea_control.html

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