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- Fleas or flea dirt on the animal
- Positive skin test or ELISA test for fleas
- Seasonality

**Elimination of fleas**

- Antibacterial shampoos/lotions
- Systemic antibiotics and/or antimycotics

In case of failure, in spite of accurate flea treatment, consider other differential diagnoses such as food allergy, atopic dermatitis, epitheliotropic lymphoma

- Systemic corticosteroids for 4-7 days
- Topical steroids

- Hypoallergenic diet trial
- Allergy testing for atopic dermatitis

- Pruritus in other dogs and/or owners

- Skin scraping
- Serological tests
- Parasiticides

Identification and treatment of secondary infections

- Antibacterial shampoos/lotions
- Systemic antibiotics and/or antimycotics

**Consider flea infestation and/or flea allergy**

- Oral or topical flea control every 3-4 weeks
- Treat all animals in the household
- Give IGR in the environment at least once

- Pruritus in other dogs and/or owners

- Gastroenteric problems
- Otitis

- Muzzle, paws, medial aspects of all limbs, ventral areas

- Caudal aspects of the body, dorsolumbar area, perineum and inner thighs

- Pinnae, elbows, lateral aspects of all limbs and ventral regions

- Relief of pruritus

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Comfortis has been shown to be an effective aid in managing and reducing clinical signs of Flea Allergy Dermatitis (FAD)\(^5\)

Dogs with signs of flea allergy dermatitis (FAD) showed significant improvement as a direct result of eliminating fleas\(^5\)

- Fleas feed within seconds to minutes once they find a host\(^2,3\)
  - Fleas receive a lethal dose of systemic-acting pulicide more quickly than they are able to absorb a topical contact insecticide\(^4\)
  - Majority of fleas will bite a topically treated animal\(^2,3\)

Comfortis has a fast speed of kill and offers month-long flea control

- Repeated exposure to flea bites and flea salivary antigens causes FAD\(^9\)
  - Comfortis starts killing fleas in 30 minutes and is 100% effective within four hours, reducing animals' exposure to flea bites
  - Comfortis kills fleas before they can lay eggs\(^7\), preventing new infestations\(^5\)
  - Comfortis is effective for up to four weeks\(^4\)

Comfortis is a monthly oral tablet that works systemically. So it won't interfere with topical dermatology therapies

- The efficacy of topical flea products is often limited by the frequent use of shampoos\(^8\)