



ingredients are natural flea repellents, natural acaricides and effective against gram positive & gram negative bacteria, yeast and fungi. The products are simple and easy to use:



## The Importance of Pet Bed Hygiene

Maintaining hygiene standards in pet bedding is one of the best ways of protecting them from fleas, worms, dustmites, moulds, bacteria, viruses and fungi that can cause infections and dermatitis.

### Common Contaminants of Pet Bedding

Fleas, worms & germs thrive in the modern home environment with central heating and humidity and they are the most common causes of illnesses in pets. Symptoms range from itching and scratching to vomiting, diarrhoea and fevers especially in the very young and the ageing individual.

Routine use of a flea and worm control programme is essential for health and wellbeing. If you are in any doubt about the right preventatives for your pets, your veterinary surgeon will be very pleased to advise you. Roundworms are transmitted by the ingestion of eggs from soil, milk or faeces. Symptoms include bloated belly, blood or mucus in the stools, diarrhoea, lethargy, loss of appetite and vomiting. Hookworms affect around 20% of dogs and again are transmitted by ingestion. The result – anaemia, diarrhoea and loss of vitality.

Coccidia are tiny single celled organisms that live in your pets intestines. Severe infections in puppies and kittens can kill and require immediate treatment by your veterinary surgeon. Toxoplasma not only infects pets

Contaminants	Health Risks
Fleas & Dustmites	Perennial itching & allergic reaction
Roundworms & Whip Worms	Weight loss
Coccidia	Gastrointestinal disease & stomach upsets
Toxoplasma	Fever, loss of appetite, inflammation of the eyes, lungs & central nervous system
Cryptosporidia	Diarrhoea
Mange	Severe itching & vomiting
Staphylococcus	Ear infection, dermatitis, MRSA & facial paralysis in the cat
Streptococcus	Pus filled lesions on the skin
Yeast	Malessezia

but also humans causing fever, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhoea and loss of muscle. Kittens may be stillborn. Cryptosporidia causes similar symptoms and again affects both humans and pets so it is a danger to public health.

Demodectic mange causes acute itching and is common in rescue dogs or dogs that have endured poor nutrition and stress. Sarcoptic mange is caught from foxes and other wildlife and is most commonly seen in country environments. On the surface, there is little to see and skin scrapings are required to detect the infection. It is hugely stressful to your pet and requires veterinary treatments.

Bacterial infections such as staphylococcus and streptococcus are increasingly antibiotic resistant and require specialist prescriptions to solve the problem.

Malessezia or yeast culminates in an extremely itchy coat, inflammation, yellow gray greasy scales, dark pigmentation of the skin and hair loss. In cats, it often results in ear infections and severe acne. Needless to say, in all these cases, prevention is better than cure!!

### Key Ingredients

The Bio-Life HomeCare range contain quaternium salts, Eucalyptus essential oils and Peruvian balsam. These



These products also help prevent human allergic reactions to pets, dustmites and moulds so they are beneficial not just for your four legged friends but also for you.

For further information, please do not hesitate to call the Bio-Life Helpline on 01608 686626 (open 8am to 8 pm, 7 days per week) or visit [www.biolife-international.co.uk](http://www.biolife-international.co.uk)