# DRBC Flea Treatment Protocol

## Treatment of the Dog

1. Bathe
	1. Obtain a flea and tick shampoo. We carry this shampoo at DRBC Central if you cannot find one locally. PetCo, PetSmart, etc should have this product.
	2. Lather completely and follow the package instructions for length of time for the shampoo to be in contact with the dog’s skin prior to rinsing.
2. Dry Coat completely.
3. Apply Vectra 3D using package instructions.
4. Deworm
	1. Use one Dorontal+/Verbantil tablet as provided by DRBC veterinarians.
	2. Ten days following the initial deworm, repeat the deworm using Panacur in dinner for 3 nights consecutively. [DRBC will provide]
5. Observe coat for signs of fleas for 30 days.

## Treatment of the Home

1. Wash all dog bedding, blankets, towels, etc. Add one capful of bleach to the wash cycle to sanitize. If a flea infested dog has slept with you, you will want to wash your bedding as well.
2. Clean and sanitize the dog crate. Bedding from the crate must be washed as well.
3. Obtain a cheap flea collar and cut into 2 inch strips. Note: Always wash hands thoroughly following contact with a flea collar as it can be toxic. Hartz makes an appropriate collar.
	1. Place a strip into vacuum cleaner bags and/or containers. Fleas love to breed in vacuum cleaners.
	2. Carefully place pieces of the flea collar between cushions of the couch and other stuffed furniture. Keep out of the reach of children and any animals in the home.
	3. Distribute remaining pieces in dark warm places fleas may want to breed. Be sure that children and animals cannot reach the strips.
	4. 30 days after placement, remove and dispose of all flea collar pieces.
4. Vacuum home thoroughly. Note: If fleas have been present for an extended period of time, this may be a good time to shampoo the carpets.
5. Fecal clean-up. The immediate clean-up of any stool is critical. Fleas result in the formation of many parasites and these parasites are easily spread through the animal feces. Always wash hands following this chore.

Remember, one or two fleas can lead to a flea infestation quickly. Fleas spread disease to our beloved doxies and to us as well, so get on it quickly! It does not matter where the fleas have come from, only that the problem is successfully addressed in a timely manner.