

# FRONTLINE®

# SPOT ON<sub>CAT</sub>



## 1. How does FRONTLINE® SPOT ON work?

FRONTLINE® SPOT ON contains the active ingredient fipronil. Once applied, FRONTLINE® SPOT ON is stored in the glands within your cat's skin and spreads over the whole body surface with their natural oils. Fleas and ticks are killed through contact with your cat's skin and coat so they do not need to bite to be killed. Fleas are killed within 24 hours and ticks 48 hours.

## 2. Why is FRONTLINE® SPOT ON a pipette?

The convenient pipette format allows you to apply exactly the right amount of active ingredient to your cat's skin every 4 weeks. Not too much, not too little.

## 3. How often do I need to use FRONTLINE® SPOT ON?

One dose (pipette) of FRONTLINE® SPOT ON should be applied every 4 weeks continuously for optimal protection against fleas and ticks all year round.

## 4. Do I need to use other flea & tick treatments whilst using FRONTLINE® SPOT ON?

No, FRONTLINE® SPOT ON is an effective treatment against fleas and ticks that lasts for one month. If applied correctly and regularly you do not need to use any other treatments whilst using FRONTLINE® SPOT ON.

If you have an existing infestation, treat your home with a household flea spray containing an insect growth regulator (IGR), such as FRONTLINE HOMEGARD®. Always read the instructions on the can before use.

## 5. Do I need to treat my cat for fleas and ticks even in colder months?

Yes. Although the likelihood of your cat being affected by fleas decreases in the winter months, the shift in climate change has resulted in us experiencing milder winters, favouring the survival of fleas outdoors for much longer. Fleas also continue to develop indoors in homes thanks to central heating. Therefore, it's important to keep protecting your cat throughout the year.

## 6. My cat doesn't go outside much, do I still need to treat them for fleas and ticks?

Yes. Even indoor-only cats can become exposed to fleas if an untreated pet visits your home or if you or a friend brings in flea eggs or cocoons on shoes or clothing.

## 7. Why might I see fleas and ticks on my cat after treatment?

FRONTLINE® SPOT ON kills fleas by affecting their nervous system, making them hyperactive before dying. These dying fleas often rise to the top of the cat's coat and bounce, so if you feel like you may be seeing fleas more after treatment, it could actually be a sign that the product is working! Fleas on your cat will be killed within 24 hours.

Also, most products do not repel fleas from jumping onto your cat so it is normal to continue to see fleas after treatment as your cat can pick up new fleas from the environment at any time.

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*And if you are fighting a home infestation, it is highly likely that you will see fleas on your cat for 3 months or more as it can take this long to get rid of the infestation.*

*After treatment ticks may also still attach to your cat. Ticks will be killed within 48 hours after exposure, before they have fully fed, which helps reduce the risk of disease transmission.*

*If you have any concerns, please contact our technical services team at [petsuk\(at\)boehringer-ingelheim.com](mailto:petsuk(at)boehringer-ingelheim.com)*

## **8. What happens if my cat gets wet straight after applying FRONTLINE® SPOT ON?**

*Once FRONTLINE® SPOT ON has been applied it is recommended to keep your cat out of the rain or from getting wet for the next 48 hours. If they do come into contact with rain within this period, it is unlikely that your cat would have been wet enough for the product to be washed away. However, if your cat gets soaked to the skin then the efficacy of the treatment may be impaired and reapplication may be warranted. If this is the case, please contact your veterinary surgeon for advice.*

## **9. Is FRONTLINE® SPOT ON safe to use on my cat?**

*FRONTLINE® SPOT ON has an exemplary safety profile and adverse reactions to the treatment are very rare. If you believe your cat has experienced any side effects after use of FRONTLINE® SPOT ON, please contact our technical services team at [petsuk\(at\)boehringer-ingelheim.com](mailto:petsuk(at)boehringer-ingelheim.com), or your veterinary surgeon.*

## **10. Can I handle or stroke my cat after applying FRONTLINE® SPOT ON?**

*You can handle, stroke and cuddle your cat as usual as soon as the application site is dry (which can up to 24 hours after application). In the meantime treated animals should not be handled and children should not be allowed to play or sleep with them.*

## **11. Is FRONTLINE® SPOT ON safe to use if I have small children?**

*As with all licensed veterinary medicines, FRONTLINE® SPOT ON has undergone extensive safety evaluation. When used as directed, cats treated with FRONTLINE® flea and tick treatments do not pose a health risk to children or adults. It is a recommended precaution that children or adults do not touch, play or sleep with treated animals until the application site is dry.*

## **12. Can FRONTLINE® SPOT ON be used on any breed of cat?**

*Yes, FRONTLINE® SPOT ON can be used on any breed of cat.*

## **13. My cat is pregnant/lactating, can I use FRONTLINE® SPOT ON during this time?**

*FRONTLINE® SPOT ON is approved for use in pregnant and lactating cats.*

## **14. What are the signs of fleas on my cat?**

*Apart from seeing fleas on your cat or in your home, other signs that your cat might have fleas include increased itching, scratching, licking, nibbling, and over-grooming which can lead to damaged hairs or patches of hair loss. You may also see small dark red or black specks on your cat's skin, hair, bedding or on furniture.*

## 15. What is the best way to remove a flea infestation in my home?

*Flea infestations are unpleasant for you and your cat, and can take 3 months or more to resolve, so be patient. Follow our 5 steps to help resolve the problem:*

- 1. Ensure all cats, dogs and flea-bearing pets in your home are continually treated with an appropriate product such as FRONTLINE® SPOT ON, every 4 weeks for at least 3 consecutive months.*
- 2. Vacuum more often than usual – ideally daily – and include places your cat regularly visits. The vibration caused by vacuuming helps to encourage pupae to hatch as new fleas, which are susceptible to the treatment.*
- 3. Regularly wash your cat's bedding at a minimum of 60°C.*
- 4. Treat your home with a household flea spray containing an insect growth regulator (IGR), such as FRONTLINE HOMEGARD®. Always read the instructions on the can before use.*
- 5. Ensure your cat has access to all the same parts of the home that they usually do. Fleas present in those areas will be killed when they hop onto your treated cat.*

## 16. Why does it take so long to resolve a flea infestation in the home?

*It often takes 3 months or more to get rid of a flea infestation in the home, because it can take this long for all immature fleas in their protective cocoons to develop and emerge as new fleas before they can be killed.*

## 17. How do cats pick up fleas?

*Most people think fleas jump from one cat to another, which is not true. Cats pick up fleas from anywhere untreated pets and wildlife have been, indoors and outdoors. Fleas on these animals lay eggs, which fall off and develop into new fleas ready to jump onto your cat. Flea eggs can also be brought into the household on your clothing or visitors' clothing, ready to hatch and jump onto your cat in your home.*

## 18. What is the difference between FRONTLINE® SPOT ON and FRONTLINE® PLUS

*Both products kill fleas and ticks on your cat, however our most advanced formula FRONTLINE® PLUS also stops flea eggs from hatching and infesting your home.*

## 19. Where can I find the expiry date for FRONTLINE® SPOT ON and how long will it last once I've bought it?

*The expiry date is located on the side of the outer packaging and on the pipette foil at the bottom. At the time of manufacture FRONTLINE® SPOT ON has a shelf life of 3 years, although this will typically be less at the point of purchase. Please do not use any product beyond its expiry date. The expiry date refers to the end of the indicated month.*