

Pest Control in Catteries & Kennels

Pest control in catteries and kennels is not only important to safe guard animals but helps to minimise the potential for impacts on staff and animal owners.

Fleas are a problem which can seriously affect animals. An untreated animal arriving in your cattery or kennels can not only spread fleas to other animals and staff, making everyone itchy, but can also lead to populations of fleas building up inside your buildings and exercise areas. Your staff can also take the problem home. Not only are some animals allergic to the saliva of fleas, but being bitten all the time makes life miserable. Smaller animals such as kittens can suffer from anaemia if heavily infested. In my work as a pest manager I have sometimes encountered kittens dead or dying from blood loss.

Clients are less than impressed if their animals are returned to them carrying fleas.

If these problems aren't enough the potential for intestinal worms is often overlooked. All animals that arrive at the kennels carrying fleas should also be dewormed. If the owners are not bothering to treat for fleas it is unlikely they will have treated for worms. Adult fleas are a vector for worm eggs. If an animal, manages to swallow a flea, either by nibbling at an itchy spot or while grooming, they can then potentially become infected with intestinal worms.

Flies are always a problem in hot humid conditions during summer and are well known for their attraction to animal droppings and their ability to spread disease. Fly trapping is an inexpensive control measure which works all year round and most importantly serves to kill off over wintering populations. This, in turn helps to reduce summer populations. The earlier a fly treatment is started the better the control. The addition of ceiling fans further disrupts flies by interfering with their flight paths and is a powerful back up tool when dirt boxes are being cleaned.

Spray treatments applied to external walls of buildings not only deter flies but also keep spiders under control, making your facility look clean and well managed.