

Eggs dormant until spring

# Cold season kills fleas

by Kathy Robinette  
Battalion Reporter

If the weather stays cold until mid-March, Bryan-College Station may not have a heavy flea infestation until May, says Edward Binford, of Binford Insect Control Service.

For the past two years, the flea problem in Bryan-College Station has started in March because of the warm, moist springs and light winters, Binford said. The problem has slackened off during the hot months of July and August and reappeared in early fall when the humidity is

high, he said.

Dr. Tommy Cargill, a Bryan veterinarian, said the small, bloodsucking insect feeds on any warm-blooded animal, but its favorite hosts are dogs and cats.

After a hard freeze kills the adult fleas, the eggs can lie dormant for two to eight months, Cargill said. These eggs lie in the soil, the dog's or cat's bedding, and in the carpet, he said.

"A female can lay a couple of hundred eggs at a time," Cargill said.

If a dog ingests a flea which is carrying tape worm larvae, intestinal parasitic problems can result, Cargill said. Also, dogs sometimes lose their hair or develop a secondary skin infection because of the scratching, he said.

To get rid of fleas, both men said to dip the dog and spray both the yard and house the same day.

"You're trying to break the (flea's) life cycle," Cargill said. Binford recommends that pet owners wash their animal's bedding often and hang it out in the sunshine to dry.

Cargill said after the fleas are gone, pet owners should continue checking to see if fleas are on their pets, and continue dipping and dusting their dogs.

Proban, a tablet given to dogs, kills the flea when it bites the dog. However, as a safety precaution, the dog should be checked for heartworms, he said.

Binford said after a yard is

sprayed, the animal should stay off the surface until it dries. The house should be closed for about two hours after it is sprayed, he said.

A flea's life cycle is about seven to 10 days, so the exterminators will spray once to kill the adults and return later when the eggs hatch.

A majority of the spraying done last year was at duplexes and apartments, even those where pets are forbidden, Binford said. Many pet owners let their dogs run loose where they pick up fleas from other dogs and other areas, he said.

"The more animals you have per unit of space, the more likely you will have a flea population," Binford said.

# \$10,000 jewel theft is crime of the week

Brazos County Crime Stoppers and the Brazos County Sheriff's Department are seeking information about a burglary that occurred Jan. 11 at a residence on FM 1179.

This burglary, the Crime Stoppers Crime of the Week, took place sometime between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. A burglar or burglars entered Charles Magee's residence by using his body weight to break the door jamb.

A 14 karat yellow gold Omega wrist watch with diamond numerals and a yellow gold Masonic ring with a diamond centered on top of jewelery also were stolen.



The total value of the stolen items exceeds \$10,000. Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information this week which leads to the arrest and indictment of those responsible for the crime.

Identities of callers who

give information will be secret. Crime Stoppers also cash rewards for information leading to an arrest and indictment in any felony.

The Crime Stoppers number is 775-TIPS.

## Fixed marriages likely

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Arranged marriages and marriages of convenience may be due for a comeback, says futurist author Alvin Toffler.

In an article in Parents magazine, Toffler said he also expects

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Fred Debaunt, who raise \$156,000 from and ranchers to pay for having their land with the chemical Ant when they applied for mical they were told by culture department could receive only about cent of the chemical needed.

"Reagan Brown promised us the funds available if we collected money from the people up 10,000-acre blocks (spraying)," Debaunt called on us to lead the out on it, and gives a

Debaunt said if the culture department can Amdro available to the and ranchers, "We did any choice but to return ple's money and let the take over our land."

Rep. Dan Kubie Rockdale, a candidate culture commissioner of a special House studying the fire ant said he thinks Brown mated the magnitude of ant problem and the the department received offer to provide Amdro to landowners of \$1 an

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