

LESS COMMON SECONDARY INFECTIONS DUE TO FLEA BITES



Tungiasis



Image source: CDC

A disease transmitted by the female sand fleas that lay eggs into the skin, causing skin problems.

Flea-borne spotted fever

A fever caused by the bacteria *Rickettsia typhi*, which has flea as its vector.



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Tularemia



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It is a disease caused by the bacteria *Francisella tularensis* that spreads through flea and tick bites.

Hemotropic Mycoplasmosis

An infection caused by *Mycoplasma* bacteria that spread through flea bites. It tends to be more common in animals than in humans.



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