A Bug's Life

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- Wash and vacuum pet resting areas
- Indoor insecticide application by professional company
- Exterior treatment may be needed
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Cat flea
Ctenocephalides felis

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