

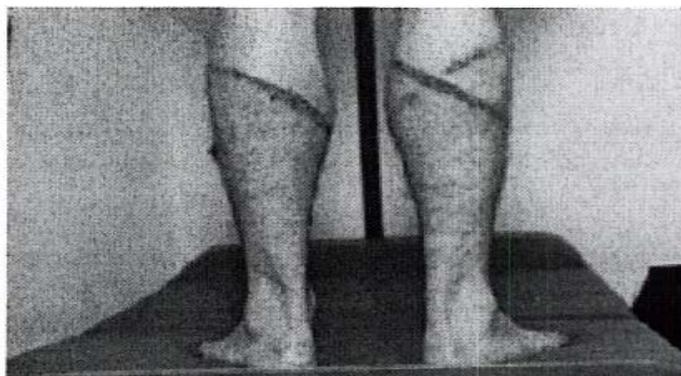
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FLEA AND TICK COLLARS NOT FOR HUMAN USE!! OIF SA-005



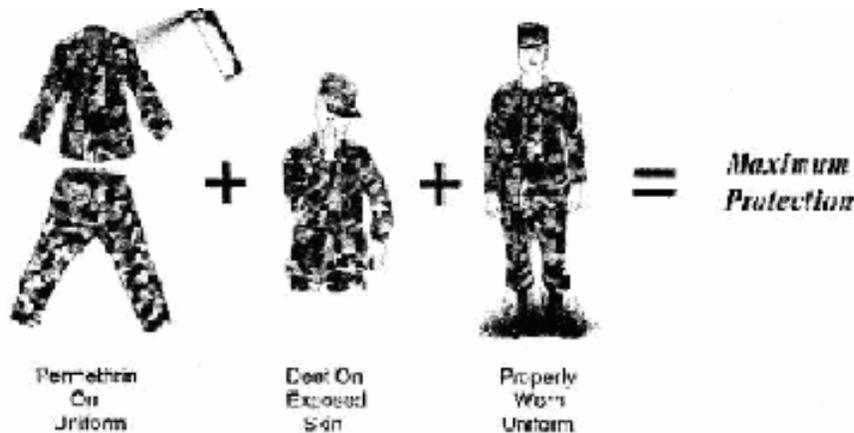
Well meaning citizens or citizen groups are sending animal flea and tick collars to Soldiers to be worn in Theater. They believe that these collars will protect Soldiers from “sand fleas/sand flies” and other insects. Animal flea and tick collars contain a wide variety of pesticides that can be absorbed into the skin in toxic amounts. They may cause severe skin reactions (as indicated below) and have the potential to cause systemic poisoning.



Skin lesions on a soldier's legs caused by wearing flea & tick collars.

In the coming months the weather will get warmer and Soldiers will sweat more. Sweat can bring out these pesticides and other chemicals that will result in skin damage as seen above, and also possible internal damage. Sweat can even draw out these pesticides through uniforms, to include boots, so wearing these collars on the outside of uniforms is not recommended.

For the best protection against insects, use the DoD Insect Repellant System.



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