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National Resources Defense Council Petitions EPA to BAN Spot-On Flea Treatments and Flea Collars

The National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) issues a paper April 2009 detailing a first of its kind study showing high levels of residue can remain on a dog's fur for weeks after a flea collar is put on with residue levels so high they pose a risk of cancer and damage to children's neurological systems¹. On April 24, 2009 the EPA received a petition from the NRDC to cancel all pet uses for the pesticide tetrachlorvinphos (TCVP) found in spot- on treatments and a supplement to ban the uses of the pesticide propoxur found in flea collars². The NRDC believes that the EPA failed to adequately assess the exposure of TCVP and propoxur pet collars and that the EPA used incorrect exposure assumptions leading to the underestimation of risk.

The NRDC is further suing major manufacturers and retailers to make them comply with stiffer warnings for consumers as demanded by the State of California or to pull the products from the shelves all together. However the NRDC believes the EPA should step in to ban these products nationwide therefore their petition has been amended to extend the comment period to August 4, 2009.

The NRDC 2000 report *Poisons on Pets* successfully led to the ban of six other pesticides in pet products which Nature's Balance Care is hopeful their latest study and petition to the EPA will further expand the bans.

"The concern I have is the fact that major manufacturers of well known brands have been allowed to poison our pets, people and the environment in the name of profit", Missy Wryn CEO, Nature's Balance Care comments "and the EPA allowed it".

Missy continues "we at Nature's Balance Care have been providing safe, all natural alternatives since 1994 and know that consumers are sophisticated and will hold these major manufacturers

¹ <http://www.nrdc.org/health/poisonsonpets/default.asp>

² <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-13160.htm>

accountable. It is encouraging to see the major brands changing to healthier alternatives now, but let's not forget their *new found change* is only because they have to, not because it is the right thing to do or they would have done it a long time ago".

Protecting pets, people and the environment has been Nature's Balance Care foundation with the added commitment of OMRI listed products further demonstrating the highest quality and standards in product development and manufacturing. Don't be fooled by the new "Green" representation made by well known brands. Nature's Balance Care products are synergistically blended with years of education and research with respect to essential oils and appropriate carrier oils. Nature's Balance Care products do more than just mitigate insects; each product also has the added benefit of skin and coat conditioning with anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties along with aromatherapeutic value.

"Consumers are smart and sophisticated. I suspect people will question the major manufacturers and leading brands why they should be trusted now after years of knowingly poisoning us" Missy adds.

For high resolution pictures call 866-821-0374. For further product information visit www.NaturesBalanceCare.com.

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