

► FILTHY FACTS ABOUT FLIES ◆



At 86°F a house fly can complete its life cycle in just 10 days!

House flies regurgitate their stomach contents onto food to liquify it before ingesting it.

Flies contaminate food and surfaces by defecating on them.

Flies can spread diseases such as food poisoning and dysentery.

FLIES: MORE THAN PESTS



The pupa metamorphoses into a fly and is capable of breeding in 10 days. An adult fly lives for 3-4 weeks and can lay up to 900 eggs.



THE LIFE **CYCLE OF** THE FLY



EGGS

An adult fly lays its eggs in organic waste, feces or exposed foods.



MAGGOT

Maggots hatch after 38 hours depending on temperature and feed on the organic matter in which they find themselves.

PUPA

Growing up to 1 cm long, they then migrate to a drier position just below the surface of its breeding ground, where they pupate.



POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARDS

House flies carry diseases on their legs and the small hairs that cover their bodies. It only takes seconds to transfer diseases to food and surfaces.

HUMANS

Fly bites are painful and damage a pet's skin, leaving them exposed to bacterial infections.

Multiple flies feeding on one animal can lead to anemia.

PETS

Stable fly bites can cause:

- Habronemiasis ("Summer Sores") in horses.
- Slow growth rates and less weight gain in cattle.
- Lower milk production in dairy cattle.



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