

Harrogate North Phorid Fly Study

UPDATE JULY 19, 2017

Subject: Update on Phorid Fly Insecticide Spray Test

The Vetting Team is continuing to monitor the phorid fly situation to determine when to initiate the spraying test. Until about the last week, phorid fly levels have been very low. In the last few days the phorid counts have been increasing. This can be seen in the chart below showing counts at one house. Two other houses have reported similar trends, but at higher levels. One of the two has had counts of 30 - 40 (one fly light) and the other has ranged as high as 80 (total from four fly lights).

The time to begin the spray test could be approaching, but we are not there just yet. We would like to see significant bug problems for a sustained period at multiple houses.

We would really like any feedback you can give us about phorid flies in your home over the last week or so. Do you have any fly lights on? Are you seeing any fly activity? Have there been days when fly activity spiked at your home like the attached chart shows on 16-July?

Any and all of your observations are appreciated. Please use reply to sender only to avoid excessive emails to the many people copied on this note.

On behalf of the Vetting Team,

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