

## CASE REPORT

# INFESTATION WITH THE CAT FLEA, *CTENOCEPHALIDES FELIS FELIS* (SIPHONAPTERA: PULICIDAE) AMONG STUDENTS IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

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**Abstract.** This paper reports six male undergraduate students living at a local university hostel who were infested with cat fleas (Siphonaptera: Pulicidae: *Ctenocephalides felis felis*) in February 2009. All of them suffered from maculopapular rashes and severe pruritus after the bites. Investigation revealed the presence of a stray cat in the hostel building; five of the students had a history of contact with the cat. Six cat fleas were collected at the hostel and identified as *C. felis felis*. Most of the students were not aware of this infestation and did not seek medical treatment.

**Key words:** *Ctenocephalides felis felis*, cat flea, infestation, Malaysia

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