



KEEPING YOUR Pet-Friendly Home Healthy



Pets bring a lot of joy and happiness, but they can leave a lot of germs when they do...on all surfaces of your home.



Pet Urine and Feces

Millions of bacteria live in a single gram of pet waste.



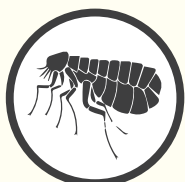
Danger

Pet danger can cause allergies and make it difficult for some people to breath.



Saliva

Several different species of bacteria can live in the mouth of your pet.



Fleas/Ticks

Pet owners spend hundreds of dollars each year treating for fleas and ticks.



Dirt

Carpets collect a lot of dirt - and the bacteria that comes with it.

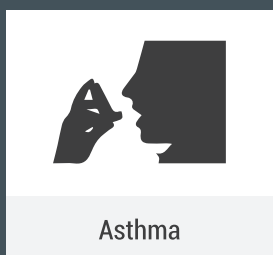
All of this can have a major impact on the air quality in your home.

Tips for Keeping your Home Healthy and Safe

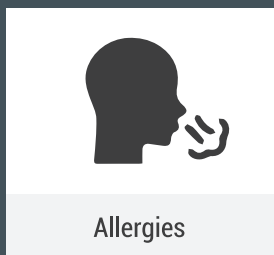
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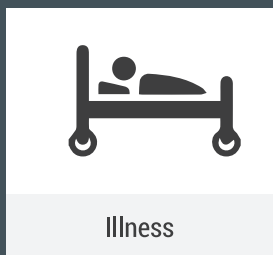
Skin rashes



Asthma



Allergies



Illness



- Give your pet regular baths. Baths can reduce the level of allergens and dirt in your home.
- If your pet has an accident, clean it up immediately. Urine can seep deep into the carpet and cause damage and odors. Have carpets professionally cleaned on a regular basis.
- Add doormats to all entrances. Mats will absorb water and dirt from your pets paws on their way in.



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