

Our Beloved Pets In The Home!



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Our beloved domesticated furry or hairy pets are cherished inhabitants within our homes. However, we do need to clean up behind them thoroughly and safely, for sure. Effectively eliminating offensive pet matter in a home is an ongoing to-do. The following steps will support pet cleanup efforts.

Pet dandruff is a part of life for dogs and cats, it can be released in the home via shedding, scratching, or rubbing up on surfaces and items in the house. FYI: Searching for a cause of severe conditions involves your trusted veterinarian.

1. Gently brush a pet's overall body of hair or fur to eliminate the dirty, dead, and old matter. The type of pet dictates the brushing frequency. Yes, the shedding volume can vary based on the breed, but brushing is a requirement for your pet's release of healthy natural oils for a renewed coat of "shiny" insulation for the winter and a thinner cover for the spring.

2. Cleaning surfaces with a neutral cleaner, designed with pet safety in mind, is one way to deal with pet dandruff, viruses, and parasites. For example, cats are leapers, traveling high & low. Then they love to cuddle, and snuggle into bed covers, rest on top of furnishings and window ledges, etc. Sanitizing & disinfecting surfaces and touched items is required to eliminate odors, germs and bacteria build-up.

3. The vacuuming process for upholstered furniture is another step for capturing pet dander and shedding fur or hair e.g. dogs & cats with shedding pet coatings.

This homemade neutral cleaner can be helpful for pet cleanups too:

Equal parts of vinegar and water mixed and poured into a spray bottle can effectively be sprayed onto squared off paper towel squares. This neutralizing solution is an effective cleaner for vomit, urine, and feces elimination in the home, which causes severe odors. The pickup and wipe up is yucky enough, but offensive lingering odors signal to your pet that all is well for a re-visit to the same spot to do its business. This emitting germ fest is unhealthy if it remains around humans. The vinegar and water solution neutralizes the germs and removes the invitational scent-marking the scene of the crime. Final step: After the initial removal of pet matter, wet wiping the newly cleaned area using a neutral sanitizing solution to eliminate/extinguish pet germs is necessary. Products are sold online & in pet stores. **Caution:** Ammoniated cleaning products are an absolute no-no for pet cleanups: Why? The urine and ammonia scents are closely associated with residual urine odors. Anything more is science beyond my pay-grade. :-) But, what I do know for sure, the initial act of removing pet poop and urine begins the sanitation process for any affected area.

Cleaning Out Cat Litter-boxes:

Scooping out the eliminated formed and wet matter from the litter box frequently is a plus for removing odors. Removing the litter from the box entirely needs to happen 2x per month for one cat.

Next, wash out the litter box thoroughly with neutral soap and water, drying the container thoroughly. Also, I like to sprinkle a small amount of baking soda into the empty pan as an odor deterrent.

Next, fill the pan with the appropriate amount of litter. Don't forget to wash the germ-infested scooper. Now, the fresh and clean litter box and scooper will begin the essential task of holding newly eliminated cat waste - Done.

Pet accident on the rug or carpet?

1. Rug cleaning professionals should be the final cleanup professional for carpeted floors and area rugs — period! They can do this type of cleanup effectively with their designated cleaning solutions specific to the issue. FYI: But, they should not use a steam cleaner to clean up behind pets. So when an accident happens on carpet and area rugs, you want to pick up the formed or loose matter and blot up eliminated fluids, such as vomit and urine — using a store-purchased neutral cleaning solution for pets; wet squared off paper-towel, and blot up what you see. Change out your paper towel frequently.
2. Next, call in the carpet & rug cleaning professional: Why? Because what is unseen beneath the carpet and rug fibers is an ongoing offensive activity that must be adequately cleaned by a professional using the appropriate neutralizing solutions designed for eliminating pet germs and the related odors. Our beautiful pets bring a lot of joy into our lives, but they also carry various offensive germs and bacterias.

Additional Helpful Considerations:

1. Setting up wandering boundaries by closing doors to rooms and adding gates to create boundaries is useful in the homestead.
2. Hiring a pet walker for your dog is another way to eliminate accidents. Timed frequencies reduce accidental circumstances.
3. Dog training is another approach.



Our beloved pets are beautiful companions, they expand our social circles and positively add happiness and memories. Equally as important, a clean and healthy home space is a favorable environment for us and it matters!