KEEPING YOUR
Pet-Friendly
Home Healthy

Pet’s 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.

- Dander
  Pet dander 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

- 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.

This can cause:

- Skin rashes
- Asthma
- Allergies
- Illness

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