



# 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.

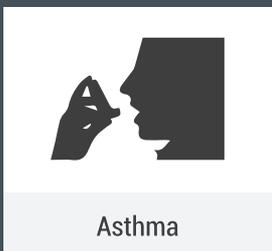
**All of this can have a major impact on the air quality in your home.**

## Tips for Keeping your Home Healthy and Safe

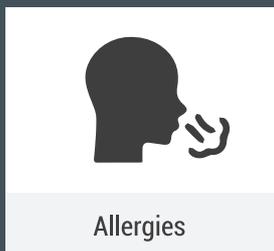
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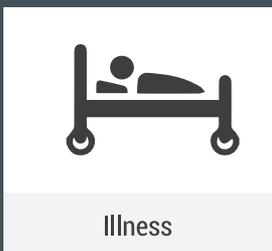
Skin rashes



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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