



COMPLETE GUIDE ON TIPS TO CREATE A SAFE PET-FRIENDLY SPACE IN YOUR HOME

ABSTRACT

Step into our comprehensive guide to crafting a home that embraces your pets! Recognizing the significance of a secure and joyful space for our furry companions, we offer expert advice to help you tailor an environment that caters to your pet's needs and ensures their happiness. Explore a range of tips and tricks, from selecting pet-friendly materials to establishing dedicated pet zones. Join us as we delve into the crucial elements of fashioning a home that not only accommodates but prioritizes the well-being of your beloved pets.

INTRODUCTION

Designing a pet-friendly living space involves a meticulous blend of understanding your pet's needs and ensuring your home remains stylish and functional. This comprehensive guide provides insights into creating an environment that not only accommodates your furry friend but also enhances the overall aesthetic and usability of your living space. From choosing pet-friendly materials to optimizing layouts for both pet and owner comfort, it covers essential aspects to strike a harmonious balance between a chic home and a welcoming haven for your beloved pet.

I. Potential Health Benefits of Owning a Pet



As you read this article, is there a furry friend curled up on the couch beside you, or sitting at your feet? The odds are good — according to a nationwide poll carried out by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) that found that 23

million households acquired a pet during the pandemic. And once you factor in the tens of millions of who were already pet owners, it's estimated that 70 percent of households have a pet, per the Pet Products Association's 2021–2022 National Pet Owners Survey. (If this number sounds astounding, just think how many more still have applied to adopt a pet and are just waiting for the good news that Spot or Fido is theirs to take home!)

Owning a pet comes with great responsibility, sure, but research suggests it may also come with significant health benefits. Bear in mind, though, that the vast majority of research about the effects of pets on human health are observational, meaning they suggest a link between these two factors rather than a cause-and-effect relationship.

Read on for six ways having a pet may help you stay healthier and happier.

1. Pets Promote Social Connectedness

Having a dog gets you outside, where you'll naturally find yourself interacting and engaging with your community on a regular basis. For example, pets can function as social icebreakers, says Nancy R. Gee, PhD, a professor of psychiatry and Bill Balaban Chair in Human Animal Interaction at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. "For many, pets serve as social capital in neighborhoods and communities," says Dr. Gee. "They precipitate the exchange of favors and encourage civic engagement."

This may be especially meaningful to introverts, or people who have difficulty striking up a conversation with new people, for example. Gee points to a 2019 market research survey that found that more than half (54 percent) of respondents said their pet helps them connect with other people. "Other observational studies have found that walking with a dog in public increases how often we receive social interactions and social acknowledgments, such as friendly glances and smiles," says Gee.

2. Pet Ownership Is Linked to Lower Blood Pressure

While having a pet around doesn't give you license to eat poorly or take health risks, the good news is that pet ownership is associated with improved heart health. One past study examined pet ownership and cardiovascular reactivity, a potential marker for heart disease risk, and found that people with pets had lower base heart rates and blood pressure. Pet owners also experienced smaller increases in heart rate and blood pressure during periods of stress, and these increases were quicker to return to normal afterward, suggests the study, which analyzed dog and cat owners.



Another randomized controlled study, this one published in *Hypertension* in April 2018, indicates that pet ownership was associated with lower blood pressure responses to mental stress.

3. Dogs Can Help Boost Your Physical Activity

Dog owners know the drill. From the moment you wake up, there's one key thing you must attend to: taking the dog out to do his business. Simply put, your commitment forces you to move your body.

"Many owners who would otherwise do little or no physical activity, despite the recommendations of their physicians, end up getting quite a bit of exercise simply by caring for, playing with, and walking their dogs," says Mark Fierstein, MD, an internal medicine specialist at NYU Langone Health. (He adds that the same cannot be said of cat owners, though.)

Depending on how many stops you make, walking your dog for just 30 minutes a day, five days a week, can help you get closer to reaching the Department of Health and Human Services' recommendation of at least 150 minutes of exercise each week.

A 2019 survey of a community, published in April 2019 in *Scientific Reports*, notes that dog owners were four times more likely to get at least 150 minutes of exercise than non-dog owners. And a July 2017 research report in the *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health* also notes that participants who walked dogs were consistently more active than participants who didn't own dogs.

4. Pets May Help Prevent Loneliness

Even if you're coupled up or living with a houseful of roommates, loneliness can creep in — but having a pet can help, says Dr. Fierstein, particularly for people who live alone. For example, if you work remotely, you know it can be soothing to have your dog or cat curled up next to you while you type away on your laptop. This companionship can be beneficial to your mental health, says Gee.

There's a lack of robust scientific research available on the subject, but anecdotally, at least, it seems pet owners are quick to attribute a lack of loneliness to their furry companion. That said, a study published in December 2021 in *PLoS One* examined psychological markers in dog owners and non-dog owners during the COVID-19 pandemic via a validated online survey.



Researchers found that dog owners reported feeling they had significantly more social support (and less loneliness), which they believed was thanks to their pets. They also reportedly experienced fewer symptoms of depression than non-dog owners, although they didn't find a difference in anxiety or overall happiness scores.

And according to a 2019 report by the Human Animal Bond Research Institute and Mars Petcare, 80 percent of pet owners said their pet made them feel less lonely.

Ricky Thompson, a licensed mental health counselor with Thriveworks in Jacksonville, points to a study published in October 2020 in *Aging & Mental Health* that suggests dog ownership is associated with fewer feelings of isolation than cat ownership, to support this idea. But ultimately, when deciding which kind of furry creature is best, Thompson says, "it really comes down to personal preferences and what type of animal an individual is more comfortable with."

5. Petting Your Four-Legged Friend Boosts Feel-Good Hormones

Have you ever stopped to think about why you stroke your pet, scratch your dog's ears, or pet your cat's furry belly? Sure, your pet may enjoy having their owner lavish them with attention — but some research suggests there's a hormonal benefit for the person doing the petting, too. For example, one small study, published in October 2017 in *Frontiers in Psychology*, found that petting dogs was linked with higher levels of feel-good hormone oxytocin and lower levels of stress hormone cortisol. Another small past study of participants paired with a new dog suggests that the presence of Fido was linked with reduced cortisol levels during a stress test in an unfamiliar setting.

Fierstein says petting your fluffy companion may boost oxytocin and endorphin production, which, he says, can help decrease feelings of stress, anxiety, depression, loneliness, and social isolation.

6. Pets May Help Promote Mental Health

"Pets foster social and emotional connections, which can positively affect mood and overall mental health," says Fierstein. He adds that pets can be a source of support for people living with mental health conditions, as observational research shows.

Research seems to support the idea that pets may bolster mental health. One large review, published in February 2018 in *BMC Psychiatry*, examined 17 studies carried out on pet ownership among people living with mental health conditions. The review suggests that owning a pet had multiple potential benefits for this group — for example, dog ownership was found to be beneficial for veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder, and pet ownership was more generally linked with improved emotional stability. Owning a pet was also associated with an increased sense of meaning and purpose.

II. 8 Underrated Areas Of Your Home To Renovate For A Pet Haven



We want our homes to be comfortable for every member of our family—that includes the four-legged ones. So when it's time for a home renovation, keep your pets in mind without sacrificing your design aesthetic. Your furry friends will appreciate the extra attention and space you've created for them, and you get to have fun designing areas of your home that may be otherwise overlooked.

From the spot your pet will sleep (even if they end up in your bed), where they eat every day and even where they wipe their feet when they come inside, find inspiration for a pet haven in your home that you and your fur baby will love.

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Every home is a unique expression of its homeowners. Transform your space into the home of your dreams with trusted Interior Decorators from Angi.

1. Transform a Kitchen Cabinet Into a Feeding Station



Instead of leaving your pet's food and water bowls sitting on the floor, elevate meal times by transforming a lower cabinet in your kitchen into a feeding station. Not only does this renovation have a pet-friendly aesthetic, but it can actually be healthier for your pets. Some experts suggest that raising the food and water bowls helps to take unnecessary stress off their necks and backs while eating and allows for easier digestion. However, always talk with your vet first, as that this feeding method may not be ideal for every pup or kitty.

To make this cabinet feeding station, start by removing the door and hardware and paint the inside of the cabinet an accent color. Depending on the size of your pet, you may need to add some height underneath the food and water bowls. Finally, you can use the top shelf to store their treats or display decor.

2. Create a Cozy Pet Nook



If you've got a corner, nook or alcove in your home that is lacking inspiration, create a usable space by making a cozy corner for your pet. Start by clearing out the space and laying out an oversized bed where your pet can take a few daily naps. Don't forget to leave out a bowl of water for when they need a drink and you can use the space above their bed to showcase pictures of your favorite pet.

If you are concerned about your flooring being damaged, lay out a washable rug that fits into the nook. For the bedding, choose fabrics that coordinate with your decor so that the pet bed doesn't stand out or clash with the rest of the space.

3. Transform a Built-In Space Into a Crate



If your dog's crate is taking up too much space in your home and has become an eyesore, a built-in option can give you and your dog the perfect balance of function and form. According to Kristie McGowan who designed this space for her pup, "The sliding door minimizes intrusion into the room and, when centered, allows her to go into her crate or drink water. This sweet girl is a sloppy drinker so we are in the process of making a slight change to the feeding station. It is going to increase the function significantly and change the form slightly."

This built-in crate is a great option to consider when building a to add to built-in storage center in your bedroom, mudroom or other living spaces. Just be sure to ease your furry friend into any new crate you create.

4. Install Hideaway Feeding Drawers



Similarly to the elevated bowls above, this space-saving option reduces clutter and allows you to keep all of your pet's food and treats hidden—a must-have when you buy your pet's food in bulk. Consider putting the hideaway feeding drawers in a mudroom, a small closet, a pantry or in the kitchen. You can install inexpensive drawers or use existing drawers in the space.

During feeding times, just open up the top drawer to get to their food and the bottom drawer that contains their feeding bowl, and your pet will have a calm and quiet place to eat. Plus you don't have to worry about accidentally kicking over their food bowls all day long.

Again, speak with your vet to ensure feeding bowls at this height are ideal for your pet and be sure you always leave fresh water available for them.

5. Create a Pet-Friendly Backyard



Make your four-legged friend a backyard oasis where they will love spending time exercising and relaxing in the sun. Start by installing a fence to keep them safe, and if you have a pool or other water features in your backyard, make sure you have a fence there too, as well as other safety features installed so that your pet isn't able to take a dip in the water without your permission.

Finally, regular grass might not be able to withstand bathroom breaks from your dog. However, artificial turf is a great solution. It's low maintenance (no need to mow the lawn) and the surface is resilient to dogs playing and doing their business.

6. Create a Pet-Friendly Living Room With the Right Fabric



Unless you have a strict "no pets on the couch" rule, you'll want to ensure that every surface is a spot where your pet can snuggle up with you. That means you'll have to pick fabrics that are pet-friendly, more durable, less likely to get ripped or scratched from tiny paws, and bonus points if you can toss the fabric into the washing machine.

Luckily, there is a wide variety of fabrics for couches, chairs and rugs that all meet this criteria so there's no need to shoo your pets off their furniture. For instance, consider durable fabrics like ultrasuede, wool, canvas and leather. You may even want to opt for indoor-outdoor furniture.

Don't worry about variety because you'll be able to find furniture, rugs and pillows that match your design style that can hold up to the daily wear and tear of having a pet as a roommate.

7. Make a Space for Them in the Mudroom



A mudroom is the perfect drop zone for every member of your family, but don't forget to create space in the mudroom for your pets. Start with the basics: hooks to hold their leashes and drawers to hold any coats or blankets that belong to your pet. If you're tired of chasing your pup into the bathroom for a bath, you can go a step above and install a dog spa in the mudroom that allows you to quickly wash their feet or give them a full bath.

No more muddy paws making a mess in your home. Be sure to add a removable showerhead so you can reach every spot nose to tail and a few fluffy towels to dry them off when they're done.

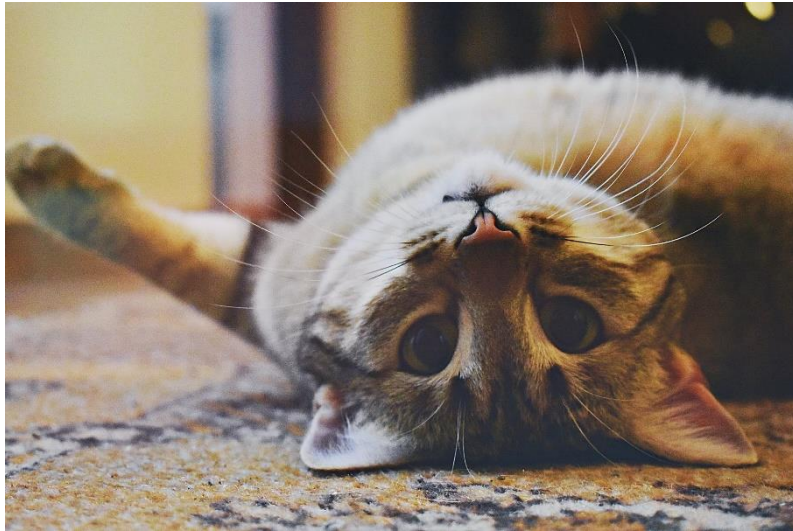
8. Make Them a Murphy Bed or a Cat Condo



If you work from home and your dog or cat spends most of their day laying at your feet, give them a cozy spot to lay. For dogs, a Murphy bed is a great option. While you can have a pro install a Murphy bed, you can also purchase a premade Murphy pet bed that doubles as a piece of furniture. The Murphy bed can be opened during the day, and when you and your dog leave your home office for the day, close the Murphy bed for a clean and clutter-free look.

For your feline friends, a cat condo can fill a small space but offer up a quiet place for your cat to relax. In this homemade cat condo, Taco has a spot to watch over everyone.

III. Best Flooring Options When You Have Pets At Home



As a person who's living together with pets, you surely want to ensure the safety and comfort of them living inside your home because first of all, they are your biggest priority. You want to do everything you can to make sure you can provide the most comfortable and safe place for them to live. And also because you want to give them the love they need, you keep them secured in your own home by choosing the best and comfortable type of flooring for them. And surely, you do these things in return for what good things they've done to us, right? By them giving us genuine happiness and true love, it's now our time to do the same to them by doing this act of kindness.

But, what really are those types of flooring that are best to have when you have pets at home? Stick around to this topic that we provided for you to know ideas and gain knowledge about that. You will also learn in this topic the disadvantages of each type of flooring.

Vinyl



One of the most highly recommended choices for you among all types of flooring is Vinyl. But you may ask, why did we recommend this? Because first of all, Vinyl is known to be super inexpensive compared to other kinds of flooring. Imagine this, not only these products will give your home a lot of enhancement, decoration, and stylish look from its wide-range design options, but also will help you save lots of money for future use.

One more thing, these products are also waterproof, scratch and stain-resistant, and can give a lot of comfiness to your home, yourself, and most especially, your pets, that's why it's so perfect to be the flooring for your home! And why are we so sure that this product will be loved by your pets? Because since your pets' lives and safety are your biggest priority, Vinyl is very safe to use especially when they're prone to accidents and dangerous situations. So to be exact, you can never go wrong in choosing Vinyl flooring for your pets, and we guarantee you this!

Laminate



The second one is Laminate. Vinyl and Laminates are just the same when it comes to characteristics and quality that's why this product is also highly recommended to use for your home especially for people like you who have pets at home. What are the advantages of having these products?

Laminates, just like Vinyl, are known to be durable, and it doesn't need a lot of a hard time to clean because it's very easy to maintain which is perfect for your pets' mess, especially for young ones. Laminates' characteristics also include scratch and stain resistance, so you don't have to worry anymore about your pets' long and sharp nails causing damage to your floor whenever they are actively playing around.

What are the disadvantages of having Laminates as the flooring for your pets?

The only problem with Laminates is although it is durable, still, it doesn't that durable compared to natural Hardwood. And because of this product's smooth texture, it can probably cause damage to your pets with furry paws. It can be slippery to them even if they're just walking, so what more when they actively run around the house? They might probably suffer from injury which is the thing you're being careful with. Additionally, when liquids leak into areas between the planks, such as urine or water, your floor is likely to be replaced over time due to the excessive damage that has occurred to it.

Ceramic Tiles



Ceramic Tiles are also making it to be the best flooring option for pet owners like you. Why did we say so? Because, this products' quality is over to the top, and many people have proven this. One of those qualities that making Ceramic Tiles so beneficial to have is its scratch and liquid resistance that will be so perfect and suitable for your pets (especially for young ones who aren't fully trained yet).

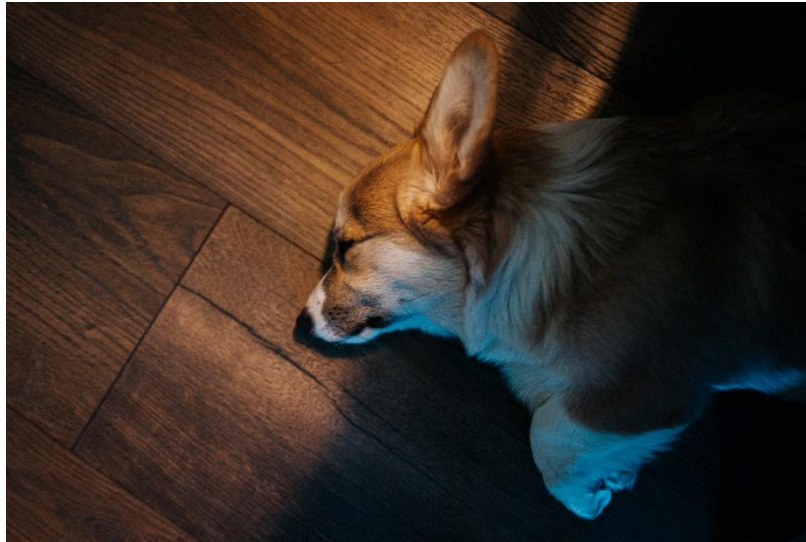
This product is also easy to maintain, so, it will keep you from being so tired cleaning your pets' mess. Although some people say that these products are usually used in places in your home such as in bathrooms, kitchens, and laundry rooms, they can still make the look of your entire home presentable with their high qualities and advantages.

What are the disadvantages of having Ceramic Tiles as your flooring option?

Since you want to keep your pets feeling comfortable to move around your house and feel the warmth of living inside it, unfortunately, this one's not preferred to have as your flooring. We all know that Ceramic Tiles are hard and too cold for your home, right? (That's why it is most likely to be placed in bathrooms and kitchens).

Pets can surely have trouble sleeping or walking in this most especially when winter comes. It can also be dangerous and too risky, especially for old ones if they suddenly fall from high places and furniture in your home. However, having a pet bed and rugs on top of this type of flooring can surely resolve this problem, so why worry!

Hardwood



We all surely know the characteristics of Hardwood products. First of all, we can say that this product has very high maintenance and is sometimes considered by many people to be too pricey because it is made from natural woods. However, even though it might be too expensive, you still get what you pay for.

The design, the texture, and most especially the quality will never disappoint you nonetheless. But when it comes to pets, there might be some issue right here if you're going to choose Hardwood to be your flooring. We all know that pets, especially the young and not trained ones yet, are very naughty.

They love to scratch, pee and poop everywhere around your house, and even cause a lot of mess to some areas of your home because it's just their instinct as a pet. And what's not okay is when they cause lots of damage to your expensive and high-quality flooring like Hardwood, and we know you will agree to this too. Perhaps you don't want them causing any destruction to your floors because it can surely ruin the look of your entire home, right? Although yes, these products are indeed durable and the quality is so over to the top, but for pets? It cannot be highly recommended. Over time, you will decide to just replace it.

Although Hardwood seems to be one of the best flooring options for your pets, we don't highly recommend this for them, especially for active ones and not yet fully trained. Why? Because just like what was said earlier, they love to scratch, pee, and poop everywhere.

And since Hardwood products can't take deep scratches especially when it is from long and sharp nails of your pets, it can surely cause a lot of damage to it and you will surely end up replacing your floors with something new. However, making sure to trim your pets' nails, and training them very well can make your Hardwood flooring last for a very long time. And of course, keeping your floors neat and clean all the time from your pets' mess can also increase the possibility to maintain your floors' durability and strength for decades.

Carpet



We all have different opinions when it comes to having carpets as flooring for pets. Some people are thinking that this product is the best choice for pets who are already trained and already are able to behave properly. While others, on the other hand, are also thinking that this is the worst type of flooring for their pets because they will surely just cause damage to it with no doubt, and they are certain that pets will just pee, scratch, and poop on this until it became damaged severely, which will eventually just lead them on replacing that flooring.

Somehow, those people both have points. But, if we are going to ask regarding this, all we can say is it just depends on what kind of pet you have. Is it already grown up and fully trained? Or does it need more assistance and more training to finally live inside your home? The key is you just need to be aware of your pets' condition whether they are already prepared to live in a house that uses carpets as their flooring, or they aren't yet.

Surely we all know that Carpets are warmer to us, most especially for pets, right? This is the kind of flooring they usually love because it gives a lot of comfiness, and warmth to us and also for them. It has a very nice quality that is surely beneficial to be the flooring for your pets, that's why they probably love it so much. Carpets are also one of the safest floorings to use especially for old and active pets.

Truly, we have absolutely nothing to say when it comes to Carpet quality, and what good things it can do to your pets because indeed, it was so satisfying. But again, remember that if they are not yet ready or well trained to live inside your house, then maybe this is not the right kind of flooring you should use. But then if your pet is able to act and behave properly, also when they are already in good condition to live inside your home, then this is the kind of flooring we highly recommend for you.

IV. 7 Tips For A Clean Home – With Pets

No matter whether you're a dog person or a cat person, chances are you wouldn't categorize yourself as a dirt-and-fur person.



Living with pets doesn't have to mean living with their messes and smells – try our 7 tips for keeping a clean(ish) home, even with your furry friends around.

1. Simplify cleaning.

Clean up messes as they happen. Put food bowls on pet-friendly placemats and keep a rag near water bowls to clean up spills on the spot.

2. Exercise pets.

Well-exercised dogs tend to be more relaxed – and that can translate to a cleaner house. Mellow pooches are less likely to shred that box of tissues or unstuff the couch cushions. (They're also less likely to have an accident on the floor.) Plus, when kids walk them, they get exercise, too!

3. Groom regularly.

Brushing pets is an easy chore for kids and helps with housekeeping. Frequent brushing allows you to limit where the fur flies, which means less hair all over the place. Find a nice spot where kids can sit comfortably, and store the brushes there for daily use. Keep a Swiffer Sweeper nearby to trap and lock any stray fur and keep it from accumulating.

4. Wipe out stains.

Accidents happen, and when they do, speed is your best weapon against carpet staining. Cover the spot with paper towels and then a thick layer of newspaper (if possible, place newspaper under the affected area, too). Stand on the pile for a minute, and then remove and repeat until the area is almost dry to the touch. Next, clean the area thoroughly with cool water, blotting out as much water as possible with some paper towels.



Tip: Get more tips for cleaning up pet accidents from our friends at P&G everyday.

5. Wash your pet.

Give dogs a footbath as soon as they come inside to help reduce the amount of dirt tracked into your home. Fill a shallow plastic bin with about 1 inch of water, and place a towel nearby for them to step on after a quick paw wash.

6. Scoop cat litter.

Dirty litter boxes are the main reason kitties go where they shouldn't. Boxes should be cleaned daily and topped off with fresh litter. You can also put out an extra box so there's plenty of room.

7. Make it fresh.

Use Febreze FABRIC Allergen Reducer daily to help manage inanimate allergens that become airborne from soft surfaces, such as pet dander and dust mite matter.*
Bonus: It also leaves behind a light, fresh scent!

*Refers to inanimate allergens from pet dander and dust mite matter that can become airborne from soft surfaces.

V. Pet-Safe Cleaning: Non-Toxic Solutions For A Clean Home

Maintaining household hygiene with pets is necessary, and often, pets are more sensitive to chemicals in commercial cleaning solutions. Tell-tale signs of animals suffering from toxic home sanitation products include continuous sneezing, watery eyes, skin infections and respiratory issues. Prolonged exposure to harmful chemicals can also lead to chronic diseases in pets.



Therefore, you must use pet-safe cleaning solutions in your home to avoid making your beloved fur animals sick. Hire a green service for house cleaning or end of lease cleaning in Sydney if you don't want the hassle of choosing or making non-toxic solutions for extensive cleaning.

However, you must know which solutions to use for routine sanitation. Thus, here is your pet-safe cleaning guide outlining cleaning solutions to avoid and non-toxic solutions to use for a clean home. Have a look.

Cleaners To Avoid When You Have Pets At Home

When you have pets, it is best to concoct cleaning solutions at home with natural ingredients. But it is not everyone's cup of tea, and if you are among them, here are some ingredients to avoid when buying cleaners from the markets.

- Chlorine bleach
- Ammonia
- Formaldehyde
- Artificial Colouring or Fragrances

- Glycol ethers like 2-Ethoxyethanol, 2-Methoxyethanol, butoxyethanol etc.
- Benzalkonium chloride
- Parabens
- Mineral oils
- Ethylenediamine Tetra acetic Acid
- Phthalates
- Phenoxyethanol
- Banned or restricted chemicals in Australia

Non-Toxic Cleaning Solutions To Use When You Have Pets At Home

Owing to the growing need of pet owners for non-toxic products for home cleaning, there is a rise in brands producing green cleaners. Therefore, if you want user-friendly, effective and efficient products, go for brands like Rufus & Coco, Good Scruff, Enzyme Wizard, Ecologic, Ecosential, Natural Life, etc.



However, if you are up for making cleaning solutions, here are some you must concoct at home to keep your house sanitary and smelling fresh at all times.

1. Make a Baking Soda Cleaner & Deodoriser

Pets are messy, leaving paw prints, dander, dirt, scuff marks and more. Therefore, you need sanitiser and a deodoriser, which is why this baking soda solution works.

- Mix a cup of baking soda in a litre of warm water.
- Add a teaspoon of organic liquid soap and shake well.

You can use baking soda to sanitise any household surface and fixture without worrying about damage. It will eliminate dirt, grime, stains and smells, making your home cleaner. Use it for bond cleaning in Sydney and get great results as well.

2. Make an Acidic Cleaner for Pet Stains & Accidents

If you cannot find a green enzyme cleaner, whip us an acidic cleaner with vinegar that can break protein and fat bonds efficiently. All you need is cleaning vinegar (with 6% acetic acid), water in equal proportion and dishwashing liquid. You can add a few drops of essential oil of your choice to treat pet odours as well.

You can use this cleaner for hardwood floors, carpets, household surfaces, upholstery, etc. However, avoid using vinegar-based cleaners on the natural stone surface as the acid will seep into the pores and corrode the surfaces.

3. Clean Windows & Glass Surfaces with Lemon & Water

Lemon is another acidic ingredient that you can use to remove grime, spots, smudges and more from household surfaces. Since it is organic, lemon won't harm your pets, and you can make natural cleaning products without worry.

Thus, using it for cleaning mirrors and glass surfaces is safe. Mix half a cup of lemon juice and 2 litres of water in a spray bottle. Apply the cleaner on the surface, wait 2 minutes, then wipe with a microfibre cloth.

If you want to wash mirrors or glass surfaces for bond cleaning in Sydney, add a few drops of dishwashing liquid to the solution. Apply the cleaner on a sponge and scrub in a circular motion, then wipe with a damp microfibre cloth.

4. Treat Pet Accident Stains with Hydrogen Peroxide

Hydrogen peroxide is one of the best alternatives to bleach, as it can treat pet accident stains effectively and efficiently. It brightens and treats the stains within 10 minutes and prevents stains from spreading.



Thus, whenever a pet accident happens, remove as much moisture as possible with paper towels, then spray hydrogen peroxide on the dirty surface. Wait 10 minutes and wipe with a damp rag. If the stains are on carpets, don't rub them and blot them until they disappear. Also, if you are sceptical about using hydrogen peroxide on a surface, don't hesitate to do a spot test and ensure the solution doesn't bleach the area you plan to clean.

Pet owners have to clean their homes more frequently as pets can create a lot of messes. You can use commercial cleaners, but they contain dangerous chemicals that affect your pet's health. Therefore, whether you need to clean your house for routine sanitation or bond cleaning, use this guide to make pet-safe cleaning solutions.

CONCLUSION

Crafting a pet-friendly home is an expression of love, ensuring your furry friend thrives in a safe and joyful environment. Opting for pet-safe materials, establishing designated pet areas, choosing pet-friendly plants, and addressing potential hazards contribute to a space that prioritizes your pet's happiness and well-being.

This comprehensive guide aims to offer unique insights and inspiration, empowering you to transform your living space into a haven for your beloved companion. May your pet-friendly home be a source of enduring joy and companionship. Remember, it reflects your dedication to providing a nurturing space where your pet can flourish and truly feel at home. Happy designing!

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