

10 TIPS

FOR KEEPING A CLEAN HOUSE WITH PETS

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1. An Ounce of Prevention...

...is worth a pound of fur.

Brush pets daily and bathe regularly. Proper grooming decreases the amount fur and hair you'll need to vacuum.



2. Vacuum, Vacuum, Vacuum

Invest in a quality vacuum

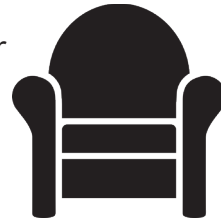
designed to pick up fine pet hair. Rule of thumb: the number of household pets equals the number of times per week you should be vacuuming.



3. Protect Furniture

Prevent wear and reduce vacuuming by covering

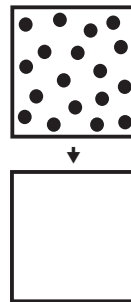
pets' favorite furniture spots with a sheet or towel. Use white to prevent color from bleeding.



4. Declutter

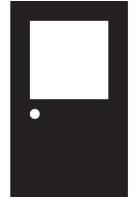
This rule is simple: reducing house clutter

reduces the available 'real estate' your pets' fur, dander, dust can claim. Grab our cheat sheet for keeping your house organized and clutter free if you need some tips!



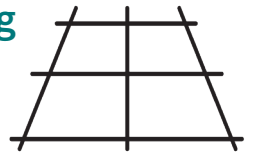
5. Access Denied

Close off rooms you don't use regularly. We all love our pets, but giving them free reign of rooms you don't use only creates more work for you!



6. Flooring

If possible, replace carpet with wood, laminate, or tile. Otherwise, sprinkle baking soda or a deodorizing carpet powder on your rug before you vacuum. This will help keep your home from smelling like what can only be described as 'wet animal'.



7. Move Over, Mud

Prevent muddy paw prints by placing absorbent, washable mats at all pet-accessible entrances. Keep “paw wipes” or old dish towels/rags nearby for quick and easy cleanup.



removal more difficult. Clean up messes as soon as you spot them with a product designed specifically for breaking down organic waste and pet messes. Do **not** use products containing ammonia; it's harmful to pets, and to them it smells just like urine.

vinegar to the washing machine will help deodorize pet beds and blankets.

8. Accidents Happen

When accidents happen, clean up ASAP! Letting messes set allows them to spread, stain, and make odor



9. Bedding

Keep bedding, blankets, and kennels clean. Clean kennels with a mixture of 1 part vinegar to 2 parts water and allow to dry before replacing bedding. Adding a cup of white



10. Change Filters

The general rule is to change furnace and AC filters every 90 days, but with pets that frequency is increased to once every 60 days. If you have more than one pet, change your filter every 30-45 days. This cuts down on allergens and dander in the air, as well as pet odor.

