

What Do Pets Have to do With Lead Poisoning?

You, your children, and your pets can become lead poisoned any time you breathe lead dust, fumes, or swallow anything that contains lead.

The highest risk is in windows of homes built before 1978. The older the home, the more likely it is to have lead-based paint.

Can My Pets Really Come in Contact With Lead?

Pets can track lead dust into your home from lead in soil and chipping/peeling paint on the outside of your home.

Lead dust collects on fur. Pets should not be allowed to sit or lay in window wells. Once lead dust collects on their fur, it will easily spread to other areas of your home.

Pets can disturb lead paint when they scratch or chew on surfaces that contain lead paint.



Find out how you can protect yourself, your children, and your pets from lead poisoning

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PROTECT YOUR PETS FROM LEAD POISONING



ANIMALS CAN HAVE THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS FROM BECOMING LEAD POISONED:

- ⇒ Vomiting
- ⇒ Loss of appetite
- ⇒ Stomach pain
- ⇒ Nervous system problems
- ⇒ Convulsions
- ⇒ Hysteria
- ⇒ Uncontrolled biting/scratching
- ⇒ Blindness
- ⇒ Tremors

Puppies and Kittens Are at Greater Risk For Lead Poisoning than Adult Animals

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR PETS:



Remove pets from older homes during remodeling

Do not allow pets to be in areas where there is chipping or peeling paint

Keep pets from things that can be easily swallowed such as fishing sinkers, plumbing materials, and imported toys and jewelry

Do not use ceramic food or water bowls

Do not keep food or water bowls under windows where you see chipping or peeling paint

Following Lead Safe Work Practices when renovations are being done can protect everyone.....

PETS INCLUDED.

