

Pet Urine and Feces Cleanup

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Professional Urine Or Feces Clean Up

One of the most dangerous bio-hazard situations a homeowner can face is pet urine and feces. Cleaning bodily fluids can be just as important and difficult as blood cleanup (<http://www.si-restoration.com/services/biohazard/>). When homeowners neglect pet urine and feces cleanup, a wide variety of health risks arise. The overall health of a home's inhabitants can deteriorate causing infections, diseases, and in severe cases, death.

Pet urine and feces cleanup can prevent a multitude of diseases from spreading within the home. Exposure to urine, feces, and other fluids like vomit and blood can cause a spread of deadly bacteria and viruses.

Dog feces can attract and cultivate the following bacteria, viruses and parasites:

Salmonella (bacteria)

Giardia lamblia (parasite)

Campylobacter (bacteria)

Canine parvovirus type 2 (virus)

Tapeworm (parasite)

Ringworm (parasite)

Hookworm (parasite)



Cat feces can cause a serious illness in humans called toxoplasmosis. Exposure to the parasite known as *Toxoplasma gondii* may cause flu-like symptoms within the first several weeks. Once the parasite develops, harmful effects like brain inflammation, a variety of other neurological diseases, and may even negatively affect the heart, liver, eyes and ears.

Urine from all species contains unhealthy amounts of ammonia. Especially in cat urine, exposure to large volumes of highly concentrated amounts of ammonia in urine can cause respiratory illnesses to develop as well as skin and eye irritation. As the urine evaporates, ammonia is dispelled in a gaseous state. The toxic fumes can corrode nasal passages, airways, and lungs.