

# Secondhand smoke and your pet – don't be fooled!



**Making your home smoke-free is one of the most important and loving things you can do for your pets!**

Secondhand smoke is a known cause of cancer and illness in humans and pets. Allowing smoking in your home harms pets. Here is why:

- Pets breathe secondhand smoke.
- Pets may eat cigarette or cigar butts which contain hundreds of toxins.
- Pets may drink water that contains cigar or cigarette butts.
- Pets groom themselves by licking their fur and ingest the poisons that have settled on their fur.

Your pets are impacted by secondhand smoke. The toxins in secondhand smoke cause:

- Lung and nasal cancer in dogs.
- Potential death to any animal that ingests even one cigarette butt.
- Feline lymphoma, a deadly form of cancer in cats.
- Heart trouble.
- Breathing problems and asthma-like symptoms.
- Salivation, diarrhea and vomiting.

If you or someone you know is ready to quit, contact the Maine Tobacco HelpLine at 1-800-207-1230.



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