

# SECONDHAND SMOKE AND YOUR PET



**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.**

## BREATHE EASY

REDUCING SMOKE EXPOSURE IN MAINE



MAINE  
PREVENTION  
SERVICES

Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention  
Department of Health and Human Services

[www.BreatheEasyMaine.org](http://www.BreatheEasyMaine.org)