



# Protect Your Pets From Lead!



## Did you know?

- 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.
- 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, children can become lead-poisoned when they pet, play with, or sleep with the pet.
- Pets can disturb lead paint when they scratch or chew on surfaces that contain lead paint.



## Animals can have the following problems from lead poisoning:

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

## Protecting Your Pets From Lead Poisoning:

- 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 imported ceramic food or water bowls that may contain lead.
- Do not keep food or water bowls under windows where you see chipping or peeling paint.

