

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, 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.



To inquire about  
Madison County Public Health's  
HEPA vacuum loan program,  
call the Environmental Health Division  
at 315-366-2526.



Community Health Division  
315-366-2361  
[healthymadisoncounty.org](http://healthymadisoncounty.org)

# Protect Your Pets from Lead Poisoning



**Madison County**  
**Public Health**  
Lead Poisoning  
Prevention Program

## 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



## 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, including your pets.

## Puppies and kittens can get lead-poisoned easier than adult animals

