

ODOR CONTROL FOR YOUR PETS



In areas where neighbors live very close to one another, odors from pets can sometimes be a problem. Odors can come from accumulations of manure, from areas where animals urinate or spray, from pet areas that have been in one spot for too long, and from old bedding.

The FIRST STEP is to keep the area clean:

- Pick up stools on a daily basis. Bag them and place in the garbage for pickup.

The SECOND STEP is to clean and disinfect your pet areas and kennels frequently:

- a. If your kennel has a concrete or hard surface floor, wash it frequently with hot soapy water and rinse with a disinfectant (1 part Chlorox in 32 parts water works very well). Use a garden hose sprayer and put the bleach and water mixture on all hard surfaces. Let it sit for 10 minutes. Rinse or let it dry overnight.
- b. If your pet area is dirt or gravel, move it occasionally and apply odor chemicals:
 - Many odor control sprays and liquids are available at pet stores. Please be aware that some of these chemicals only mask odor and do not eliminate the cause. Follow package directions when applying these chemicals.
 - **AGRICULTURAL LIME** is a very affordable and effective odor control agent. It helps to eliminate the cause of the odor. It can be sprinkled on any area where odor is a problem. Please note that there are two types of lime:
 - **DO NOT USE HYDRATED LIME**, also known as “burn lime,” “quicklime,” or “calcium oxide.” This lime can burn you or your pets.
 - **DO USE AGRICULTURAL LIME**, also known as “dolomite,” “garden lime,” or “calcium carbonate.” It looks like pellets, and can be spread in your kennels, yard, or flower beds because it will not burn.
- c. Replace old bedding frequently with fresh, clean bedding.

If you notice that you have to apply odor control products more often as time goes by, the reasons are obvious – the ground is not able to absorb and eliminate any more manure and urine SO the chemicals cannot treat or mask the odor effectively. This probably means that it is time to move your pet area to allow the ground to recover or that you have too many pets for the size of the area.



If you have any questions, please contact this office at 390-5600.