



Cleaning regime for urine soiled areas

If an area has been urine soiled by a dog or cat the scent of urine will attract the animal back to that area to urinate again, whatever the reason was for the initial soiling. It is important to use an effective cleaning regime, as normal methods of cleaning will not eliminate the scent as far as the dog or cat is concerned, and may actually make the problem worse.

The most effective cleaning regime is as follows: it should be tested on a small inconspicuous area first to ensure that fabric/furnishings are not damaged:

1. Mop up any excess urine
2. Clean using 10% solution of biological (enzyme based) washing product, it is easier to make up the correct strength using liquid. This removes the proteinaceous compounds involved in the scent.
3. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry. The animal should not be allowed access to the cleaned areas at this stage.
4. Spray the area with surgical spirit. This destroys the fat based components of the scent. The area must then be allowed to dry thoroughly.

This regime should be used on all urine soiled areas, and repeated if the animal urinates there again. If an item of furniture or carpet has become completely saturated with urine then it must be discarded, as it will be impossible to eradicate the scent.

For cats that are spraying it is then necessary to overmark the area with either facial pheromones or the cats own facial pheromones. This must be done daily. It is also necessary to identify the cause of the spraying behaviour. Please ask the advice of your vet.