

**Pine City Animal Hospital
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Dermatophyte (Ringworm) household treatment and cleaning

- 1. Thoroughly vacuum floors, carpets and furniture to remove infected hairs. A vacuum with a HEPA filter is best to prevent re-infecting the house. Initial shampooing or steam cleaning of carpets is advised. Ideal is to confine the infected pets to one room. Minimize the pet's room furnishings to eliminate spore collecting surfaces and to make cleaning easier. Daily vacuuming of areas and furniture the pet's occupy, go over areas three times to ensure thorough removal of spores and hairs. Vacuum should be discarded at the end of pet's treatment to avoid re-infection of house.**
- 2. Disinfect all non porous surfaces with a 1:10 (0.5%) solution of Bleach daily.**
- 3. Any items that are not needed or cannot be thoroughly vacuumed and steam cleaned should be discarded.**
- 4. Change furnace filter or ventilation system filter monthly.**
- 5. Dispose of grooming equipment which cannot be disinfected in a bleach solution. Washables can be washed in a soap and bleach solution.**
- 6. Wash hands well after handling infected animals. Young children, elderly and immuno-compromised individuals should avoid the infected animals.**
- 7. Test and treat all infected animals in the household.**
- 8. Bathing of pets is important, contact time (the time the shampoo stays on the pet before rinsing) is 10-15 minutes without adequate contact time the product cannot work.**
- 9. Apply other topical medications and oral medicines as directed and do not stop treatments until we have had 2 negative cultures done.**
- 10. Spores can remain in the environment for over a year.**