



# Can Secondhand Smoke Harm Your Pets?



# YES!!

## There is significant research proving secondhand smoke is harmful to pets:



Dogs that inhale secondhand smoke are three times more likely to develop lung or nasal cancer than dogs living in smoke-free homes. Warning signs of lung cancer include chronic coughing, weight loss and abnormal fatigue. Signs of nasal cancer include swelling over nose or sinus area, chronic sneezing and bloody nasal discharge. [www.nhlung.org](http://www.nhlung.org)



Dogs can experience allergic reactions to secondhand smoke. Common symptoms of this allergic reaction are the scratching, biting, and chewing of their skin. Owners often confuse this reaction with fleas or food allergies. [www.sttac.org](http://www.sttac.org)



Dogs also show symptoms of allergies when irritated by secondhand smoke. Symptoms such as coughing, runny eyes and nose, difficulty breathing or asthmatic symptoms are most likely to occur. [www.prwatch.org](http://www.prwatch.org)



Birds can experience adverse reactions to secondhand smoke and may develop eye problems, as well as other respiratory problems like coughing and wheezing. [www.healthypet.org](http://www.healthypet.org)

Birds that sit on a smoker's hand can experience contact dermatitis from the nicotine that remains on the smoker's hand, which can cause them to pull out their feathers. [www.tobacco.org](http://www.tobacco.org)



Cats exposed to secondhand smoke in the home had a higher rate of an oral cancer called squamous cell carcinoma, which may be due to the way cats groom themselves. When cats groom themselves, they ingest the poisons from secondhand smoke that have settled on their fur. [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)



Cats exposed to secondhand smoke have a higher rate of feline lymphoma, a deadly form of cancer, than pet cats not exposed to secondhand smoke. [www.secondhandsmokesyou.com](http://www.secondhandsmokesyou.com)



Cats can develop respiratory problems, lung inflammation and asthma as a result of secondhand smoke. [www.nhlung.org](http://www.nhlung.org)

### Keep your pets safe by protecting them from secondhand smoke!

