



What is second-hand and third-hand smoke?

Second-hand smoke is the combination of the smoke breathed out by the person smoking and the smoke that comes from the burning end of a cigarette, cigar or pipe. There are over 7,000 chemicals found in second-hand smoke and up to 70 are known to cause cancer. Third-hand smoke is the chemicals in tobacco smoke left behind on surfaces such your pet’s fur, furniture or toys. It can then be inhaled or ingested by people or pets.

How second-hand smoke effects pets

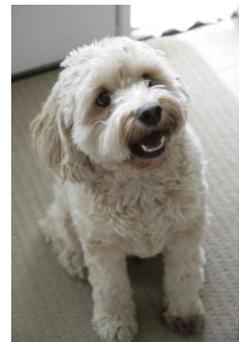
Tobacco products can be harmful to pets through breathing in second-hand smoke. Pets also ingest the toxins from third-hand smoke when they lick their fur or pick through their feathers. Second-hand and third-hand smoke can affect your pet’s health in the following ways:

Dogs	Cats	Birds	Other Health Problems
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lung cancer Nasal cancer Allergies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral cancer Lymphoma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lung cancer Pneumonia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye irritation Skin irritation Heart problems

Symptoms of nicotine poisoning

Nicotine poisoning can happen when pets ingest tobacco products such as cigarette butts, cigars, chewing tobacco or nicotine replacement therapy products. For example, if a pet ingests 1 cigarette or 1 cigar this can potentially be life threatening. Symptoms of nicotine poisoning include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excitation Increased salivation Panting Vomiting Diarrhea | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muscle weakness Twitching Collapse Increased Heart Rate Heart attack |
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How to keep your pet safe

- Quit smoking
- If you are not ready to quit, cut down
- Make your home and car smoke-free
- Wash your hands after smoking and before touching your pet
- Ask others not to smoke around your pet
- Keep ashtrays clean
- Keep tobacco and nicotine products out of the reach of pets

For more information about quit smoking programs and resources, please contact Access York at 1-877-464-9675, TTY: 1-866-512-6228, accessyork@york.ca, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit our website at www.york.ca/tobacco

