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Hot Zone Bulletin

SUBJECT: DISEASES FROM CATS

Although cats can carry diseases and pass them to people, you are not likely to get sick from touching or owning a cat. By following simple health tips, you can be even safe against cat related diseases.

Some cat-related diseases that make people sick are common, such as cat scratch disease (see Hot Zone Bulletin – Cat Scratch Disease) or cat scratch fever and others are rare. Toxoplasmosis (TOX-oplaz- MO-sis) is a disease that can come from cats, but people are more likely to get it from eating raw meat or from gardening. Cats can also carry rabies (see Hot Zone Bulletin – Rabies), a deadly viral disease.

Some people are more likely than others to get diseases from cats. A person's age and health status may affect his or her immune system, increasing the chances of getting sick. People who are more likely to get diseases from cats include infants, children younger than 5 years old, organ transplant patients, people with HIV/AIDS, and people being treated for cancer. To protect yourself from cat-related diseases, use the following practices:

- 1. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and running water after touching cat feces (stool).
- 2. Avoid cat scratches and bites.
- 3. If you are scratched or bitten by a cat, wash the area with soap and running water right away.
- 4. Vaccinate your cat against rabies.

A RECOMMENDED SOLUTION



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CANINE EFFICACY

Bordatella (Kennel Cough)
Canine Parvovirus (CPV)
Canine Adenovirus
Canine Distemper
Canine Parainfluenza Virus
Canine Hepatitis
Infectious Bronchitis Virus
Rabies Virus

AVIAN EFFICACY

Avian Influenza A H9N2 Avian Laryngotrachetis Avian Influenza A H5N1 Virus Avian Reovirus

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FELINE EFFICACY

Feline Calicivirus (virulent strain)
Feline Infectious Peritonitis
Feline leukemia virus
Feline Panleukopenia
Feline Picornavirus
Feline Rhinotrachetis