

The Pennsylvania's Department of Health Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces initiative aims to

Clear the Air

Protect our furry friends & people, and create cleaner communities!

Benefits:

-  Improve air quality leading to better health outcomes for community residents and their pets
-  Reduce vape and tobacco product waste and related cleanup costs, protecting pets from ingesting dangerous products



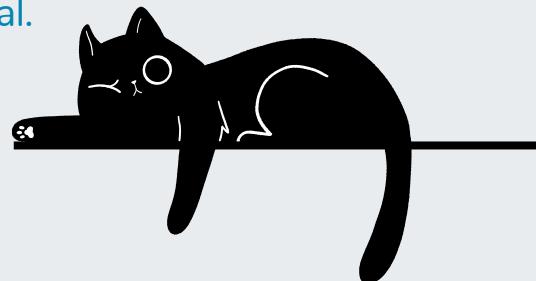
Effects of Tobacco/Nicotine Products and Secondhand Smoke on Pets:

 Pets are exposed to both secondhand and thirdhand smoke: Secondhand smoke is smoke that is exhaled or comes off burning tobacco, which is then inhaled by others – including nearby nonsmokers and pets. Thirdhand smoke is the residue that remains on skin, fur, furniture, etc., even after the air has cleared. Our furry friends usually groom by licking their fur. If that fur is coated with smoke residue, they ingest carcinogens and toxins on top of the ones their lungs take in.

 Increased respiratory disease: Just like people, pets who live with smokers are more likely to experience symptoms of respiratory disease, like asthma, bronchitis and lung cancer than pets that live in smoke-free homes.

Cats are particularly susceptible to asthma flare-ups when exposed to secondhand smoke. According to the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, these symptoms can be severe and even fatal.

 Long nose = nasal cancer risk: Dogs with long noses have about double the risk of cancer of the nasal passages than breeds with shorter noses. The numerous toxins found in cigarette smoke build up in the nasal passages of long-nosed dogs, resulting in more nasal cancer.



Learn more: <https://www.pa.gov/.../tobacco.../young-lungs-at-play.html>