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COMMON CONTACT & AEROSOL IRRITANTS IN YOUR ENVIRONMENT

There are many natural properties and chemical products in our environments and households that can cause both skin and airway irritation in our pets. Many of these irritants can lead to hair loss, itching, redness, rashes, acne and asthma like symptoms. The following is a list of common products to be on the look out for in your own household.

Skin Contact Irritants	Airway Irritants
Fabrics that contain wool (blankets, rugs, afghans)	Air fresheners (plug-in or spray)
Chemical cleaners (carpet, wood, bleach, etc)*	Chemical cleaners (carpet, wood, bleach, etc)*
Feathers/down as in comforters, pillows and furniture*	Feathers/down as in comforters, pillows and furniture*
Shavings such as wood, cedar or pine used in other pets bedding*	Shavings such as wood, cedar or pine used in other pets bedding*
Fabric softeners*	Fabric softeners*
Scented detergents and dryer sheets *	Scented detergents and dryer sheets *
Scented candles and air fresheners*	Scented candles and air fresheners*
Litters (scented, clumping, antimicrobial)*	Litters (scented, clumping, antimicrobial)*
Plastic (pet doors, litter boxes, dishes, etc)	Perfumes
Fleas- causing a condition known as flea allergy dermatitis	Smoke- such as <i>cigarette smoke</i> (which can lead to more serious conditions such as lymphoma), <i>wood smoke</i> from fireplaces used for heat, and <i>incense</i> .

*- Both skin contact and aerosol airway irritants