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COEUR D'ARLENE, ID — Carpet cleaning technicians may need to practice added safeguards when cleaning carpets in the homes of pet owners, according to a report by the [Marin Humane Society](#) in Marin County, California.

This is because animals can experience health problems if chemical residue is left in carpets after cleaning or chemical fumes become airborne.

For instance, dogs and cats may eat treats tossed onto carpets and then lick carpet fibers in search of crumbs, thereby running the risk of ingesting any chemical residue left behind after the cleaning process.

"Birds, in particular, can be very sensitive to airborne toxins and chemicals," report Belinda Evans, DVM, and Paul Breckenridge, DVM, of the Marin Humane Society.

"[Because of this], extra precautions should be taken when carpet cleaning in their [home] environment."

Evans and Breckenridge suggest that carpet cleaners use green cleaning products and recommend that pets be kept outside or boarded elsewhere while carpets are being cleaned.

Nick Wiebe, marketing manager for [U.S. Products](#), suggests these additional pet-safety tips for carpet cleaners:

- Use low-moisture extractors. Not only do these machines use less water, but they typically use less chemical as well.
- Select extractors that have received the "[Seal of Approval](#)" from the [Carpet and Rug Institute \(CRI\)](#). This program identifies carpet cleaning equipment that excel in performance and effectiveness.
- Select carpet cleaning chemicals that have been Green-certified by CRI or a similar respected certification organization.
- Pre-spray carpets; typically, less chemical is used in the cleaning process.
- Select heated carpet extractors. Such models increase the effectiveness of the carpet cleaning chemicals, meaning less may be necessary.

"These steps can help reduce cleaning's impact on the indoor environment," says

Wiebe. "They make it safer not just for pets, but for all living things."

About U.S. Products

U.S. Products has been manufacturing cleaning equipment for carpeting, floors, draperies, upholstery, and restoration for more than 25 years. The company is well known for its innovative internal heating systems, which deliver 212°F at the wand tip; its top-quality components; and its solid-state circuitry, which allow for precise operation and equipment control.