

## **ANIMAL STAINS (4)**

**One of the most difficult and damaging stains occurring on carpets and furniture covers is animal urine which comes from a pet dog or cat. Many substances are found in urine including chloride salts, ammonia, uric acid, urea, organic compounds and the pigment called urovilin. The stain completely absorbs into the fabric with irregular edges and ranges in color from yellow to brown. The color will intensify from age. If the stain is left in the fabric for a long period of time it could cause color change in the fabric and even cause the fabric to deteriorate. Urine stains emit an objectionable odor especially when water is applied.**

### **PREPARATION FOR STAIN REMOVAL**

**White towel  
Cool water  
Mild detergent mixed in a cup of water  
Household ammonia  
White distilled vinegar  
Hydrogen peroxide (3%)**

### **PROCEDURE FOR STAIN REMOVAL**

**Remember to test all chemicals on an inconspicuous area.**

**.....Apply dampened towel to stained area.  
.....Blot up staining until residue does not appear on towel.  
.....Apply detergent and water to stained area.  
.....Continue to blot up staining until residue does not appear on towel.  
.....Apply detergent, water and ammonia to stained area.  
.....Continue to blot and rub stained area.  
.....Rinse with water.  
.....Apply detergent, water and vinegar.  
.....Blot up staining with a towel.  
.....Rinse with water.  
.....Apply hydrogen peroxide and then follow with ammonia.  
.....Wait 5 minutes.  
.....Rinse with water.  
.....Apply household vinegar.  
.....Rinse with water.**

### **URINE IN GARMENTS**

**Urine occurring in garments from individuals can be as damaging to fabrics as animal urine. The content of the urine may vary according to the health of the individual.**

## **PREPARATION**

- .....Plastic bucket filled with warm water.**
- .....Color safe bleach such as Clorox II.**
- .....Vinegar**
- .....Mild detergent such as Tide.**

## **PROCEDURE**

**Remember to test colors.**

- .....Add oxygen bleach to the bucket of warm water (2 ounces per gallon of water).**
- .....Apply detergent (1 ounce per gallon of water).**
- .....Apply a towel on top of the fabric in a bucket to keep the fabric wet while it is soaking.**
- .....Soak overnight.**
- .....After soaking wash garment and add vinegar to the rinse cycle. Vinegar neutralizes the alkali content of the oxygen bleach.**