

What you can do to remove pet urine from carpets

Free recipe

CAUTION: while we have seen this process used with great success and it is generally safe for most carpets, we do not take responsibility if it causes any discolouration or damage to your carpet. We always recommend doing a spot test first in an inconspicuous area of the carpet. Do not use ammonia based cleaning products as pet urine is ammonia based and it will encourage the animals (especially cats) to repeat urinating on the same spot. Sometimes the pet urine itself will bleach carpet, this method will not reverse bleaching by urine.

If your pet has urinated on washable cushions, we recommend washing them in Bio-Zet laundry detergent. Bio Zet has enzymes which eliminate bacteria and odours caused by pet urine.

You will need:

- Baking soda (Bi Carb Soda)
- white vinegar
- mild dish washing detergent
- 3% hydrogen peroxide – must be no more than 3% or you may bleach your carpet

Method:

1. Soak up as much of the urine as possible using paper towels or an old towel.
2. Make a solution of 50% water and 50% white vinegar and using a spray bottle or a white cloth soaked in the liquid, wet the affected area of carpet. Then dry the area again as much as possible by blotting (not rubbing) with paper towels or a cloth. You could also use a wet/dry vacuum if you have one.
3. Sprinkle a handful of baking soda over the affected area. Mix 1/4 cup of 3% hydrogen peroxide with a teaspoon of mild dish washing liquid in a spray bottle and spray over the baking soda. Work this gently into the carpet with a brush or your fingers (wear rubber gloves!)
4. Leave to dry completely, then vacuum up the dried baking soda. You may need to use a firm bristled brush to loosen the dried baking soda. Be careful not to use too much pressure or rub too vigorously or you may damage the carpet pile.