



## Dealing With Urine Marks

### Effective Removal Of An Odour.

When dealing with a case of inappropriate urination it is important to remove as much of the odour as possible to reduce the chances of the animal marking in the area again.

Clean up any urine in the house when the animal cannot see it being done. This stops attention being drawn to the urine and it becoming a trigger for the animal to re-mark. Use the following cleaning technique:

**Non Absorbent Surfaces** – Use a 1% solution of bicarbonate of soda (1 dessert spoon in a litre of warm water).

**Absorbent Surfaces** – The steps are as follows

- Washing with an **ENZYMATIC** washing powder such as “Biozet” (not the colour enhancing type) by hand at least 4 times with lots of warm water until all remnants of the washing agent have been removed.
- Dabbing dry initially and then thoroughly drying with a hair drier.
- Apply “Urine Off” odour eliminator (available from this Centre) after cleaning to further neutralise, not disguise, the odour.

NB – do not use disinfectants that are ammonia (eg Pine-O-Clean) or chloride (eg bleach agents such as White King) based, as this may smell like another cat’s urine to your pet and hence inadvertently increase the chances of your pet urinating in the area again.

### Controlled Reintroduction

The animal can be banned from the area in which it marks and only reintroduced under constant strict supervision so that it can be prevented from marking, or reprimanded for it by the methods described by our staff. The periods of reintroduction can, as a matter of convenience, initially be short and gradually lengthened as confidence is gained that control is achieved. Once control in these circumstances has been obtained, then the animal may be left in the area unsupervised for progressively longer periods.