



## Spring Cleaning Check List

### Indoors

- Wash all beds, blankets and soft toys using all **natural detergents** in the washing machine. *Harsh chemicals leave a residue on fabric which can harm their skin and paws. (Link to **Skout's honor laundry boost**)*
- Scrub any area where your pet sleeps, plays and relaxes. *Use **natural products** to help protect the environment and your pet from harmful chemicals and ingredients that are not necessary for a thorough clean. **link to small planet scrub***
- Clean water dishes, feeding bowls, and placemats. *This should be done at the same frequency as your own. Whether you are feeding real whole fresh food or dry kibble, this should be done after each meal.*
- Disinfect** all hard Toys by washing them in the dishwasher if possible. If washing by hand try using the DIY all natural solution listed below. **Link to small planet germs be gone** *Germ and bacteria grow daily on toys and those go directly into their mouths. Treat dispensing toys need to be cleaned after each use.*
- Wash all Winter Jackets and boots before storing away for next year.
- Wash Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. *Wrap any metal hardware in a sock to protect the inside of your washing machine.*
- Wash litter box and surrounding area. Replace clay based litter with natural products such as **nut shells**, corn, wood, and wheat. *Clay can cause respiratory issues in your cat as well as other family members. Boxes need thorough cleanings as well. Use natural cleaners so that your precious kitty is not subjected to chemicals. **LINK TO eco sense cat LITTER***

### Outdoors

- Clean up all feces from the yard and dog run.
- Rake up all mouldy leaves. *This may cause respiratory issues when breathed in.*
- Empty all standing water. *This can be a breeding ground for bacteria like **Giardia**. **Link to grapefruit seed extract***
- Clean any outdoor toys the same as you would your indoor toys.
- Throw away broken or damaged toys.
- Clean all patios and deck surfaces.** **Link to skout's honor patio cleaner**

# Natural Cleaning Recipes



## Homemade All-Purpose Cleaner

- 1/2 c white vinegar
- 2 Tbsp baking soda
- 10 drops tea tree, lavender, or lemon essential oil (for their disinfectant properties)

Mix the vinegar, essential oils and a little water before adding baking soda in a clean 12oz spray bottle (glass is best). Fill to the top with water and gently shake to mix ingredients. Spray area or item, wipe with a cloth, and allow to dry.

## Homemade “Soft-Scrub” Cleaner

- 1 ½ cups baking soda
- ½ cup environmentally safe liquid laundry soap (ECOS, for example)
- 10 drops tea tree, lavender, or lemon essential oil

Mix baking soda and laundry soap in a mixing bowl, stirring vigorously to combine into a paste. Add essential oil and mix well. Store in an airtight food container or jar. If the mixture begins to dry out, add a small amount of water and mix well.

## Homemade Disinfectant Wipes

- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup with vinegar
- 8 drops tea tree oil
- 8 drops eucalyptus essential oil
- 8 drops lemon essential oil
- Empty container
- 15 – 20 squares of cloth (old t-shirts work well, as do old dish towels or similar material)

Fold and place the cloth squares into the empty container and set aside. Combine in a mixing bowl the water, vinegar, and 3 essential oils, stirring until well mixed.

Pour this mixture over the cloths in the container where they will soak in and be ready for you to pull out and use! Launder and repeat as often as the cloths hold up!