

Ask Reggie. . .



Dear Reggie,

If someone blows smoke in our faces, how

does that affect US?

Tera & Moose Nazario

(Labrador Retrievers)

Vineland, NJ

Dear Tera & Moose,

Tobacco smoke contains over 4,000 different

chemicals and 42 of them are known to cause

cancer in humans. Although there are few

studies on environmental tobacco smoke and

animals, a study in Colorado shows that long-

nosed dogs, particularly dachshunds have a

higher rate of nasal cancers in homes with

Dear Reggie,

I am a cat that goes outside during the day. What can be done about all the cigarette butts humans leave on the ground? They are ugly and dangerous.

Miss Scarlett Reed
Haddonfield, NJ

Dear Miss Scarlett,

Cigarette butts are a common litter that humans seem to accept as normal. The butts are an awful eyesore especially to all of us who are close to the ground. There's not much you can do, unless you can cover them up with dirt. But remember, don't get too close to the road and don't try to cover them up if they are on the sidewalk. It won't work, and it will really wear down your nails.

Dear Reggie,

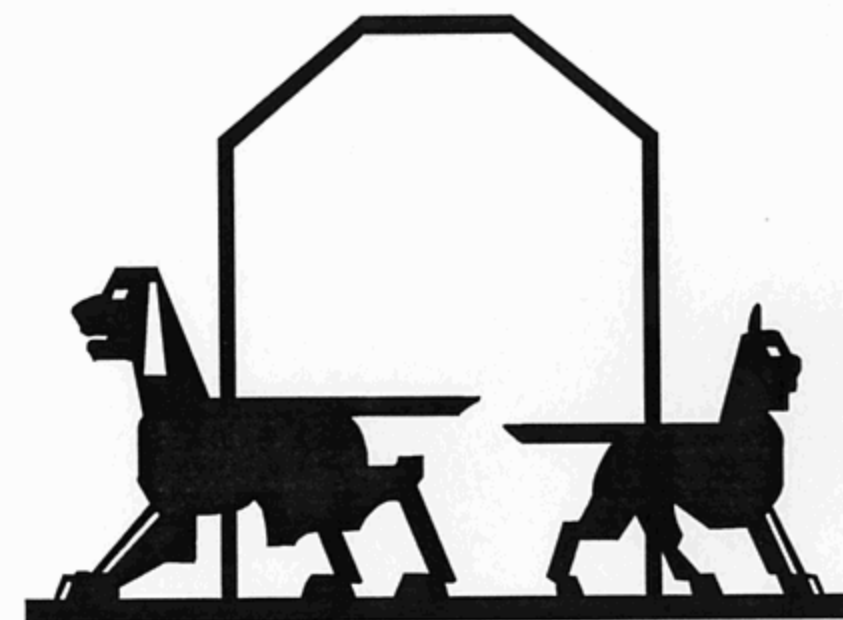
As an old dog, I've noticed my sense of smell is not as good as it used to be. When people who smoke visit our home, it is hard for me to give them a good sniff because of the tobacco smell. Do you have any ideas about this?

Topaz Pirollo,
Yellow Labrador
Turnersville, NJ

Dear Topaz,

I like to sniff visitors too. People don't always notice that cats enjoy sniffing, because we do it in a very subtle way. But I know what you mean. Smokers stink. You can't hose company down before they enter the house, so you do have a dilemma. I suggest you give smokers a copy of this newsletter. Maybe they will get the hint. Also, people usually smoke sitting down, so maybe if you go for the deep sniff from the back, it might help. The smoke may not be as saturated back there. Let me know if it works.

Calling All



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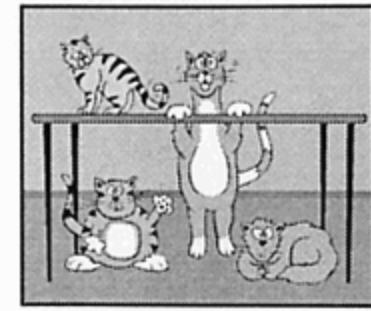
The Kitty CAT Project

Communities Against Tobacco

Vineland Health Department

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THE KITTY CAT PROJECT HAS THREE PARTS



How To Join

All pets are eligible. Just fill out this form, and return it to:

THE KITTY CAT PROJECT
Communities Against Tobacco
Vineland Health Department
111 N. Sixth Street * PO Box 1508
Vineland, NJ 08362-1508

Name: _____

Species: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Tell us about yourself, or ask Reggie a question.

The Kitty CAT Project is aimed at building on a cooperation between pets, and the people who love them. This effort is primarily aimed at finding ways to limit pets exposure to environmental tobacco smoke. Although there are few scientific studies on the adverse effects of tobacco smoke on pets, evidence seems to indicate that exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is a health hazard for pets as well as their companions. The *Communities Against Tobacco* (CAT) Coalition of Cumberland County sponsors the project.

1. Pets are invited to join P.E.T.S. (*Protesting Environmental Tobacco Smoke*), a coalition of pets who advocate clean indoor air. Pets who join will receive the "P.E.T.S." newsletter by mail.
2. Area veterinarians and proprietors of pet related businesses are asked to participate in the project by promoting clean indoor air in their establishments, and distributing literature to pet owners in order to promote clean indoor air for pets at home.
3. The Kitty CAT Project will also promote



Reggie