**Cleaning Products when Fostering**

These cleaning disinfectants should **not** be used around foster animals, especially if you are fostering kittens or puppies. Kittens and puppies are still developing and growing so they are at a much higher risk if these cleaning products are used around them.

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| **Disinfectant** | **Examples** |
| Pine oils, essential oils | Pine Sol, tea tree oil |
| Phenols | Lysol, Dettol |
| Alcohol | Isopropyl, rubbing, Purell |
| Ammonium compounds | Clorox |
| Phthalates | Air fresheners, linen sprays, carpet fresheners |
| Formaldehydes | Pesticides, air fresheners, plug-ins |

These disinfectants are some of the commonly used ones around the house. It is not a full list of all toxic disinfectants. If you are not sure whether a disinfectant can be used then we suggest erring on the side of caution.

When choosing a cleaning product it is important to thoroughly read the safety instructions before use. For example, some will say they are safe for pets but must be allowed to completely dry before letting pets nearby.

As a general rule, store all cleaning products in a secure cabinet out of the reach of pets and keep them in their original packaging, or in a clearly labeled and tightly sealed container.

We recommend using Accel for cleaning and disinfecting. Accel is an Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide (AHP) Disinfectant. The Foster Department will provide as requested. If needed, let us know when picking up an animal to foster or by emailing [fosters@hshsv.org](mailto:fosters@hshsv.org)

If your foster animal starts exhibiting any signs of poisoning then please contact us immediately. Some common signs of poisoning include:

* Breathing difficulties
* Excessive salivation and/or diarrhea
* Twitching
* Shock or collapse
* Inflammation or swelling of the skin
* Coma
* Changes in drinking, urinating, and appetite

If sudden changes are noticed and you suspect they are signs of poisoning then contact the foster emergency number at 734-717-4424

For any non-emergent concern, email [fosters@hshv.org](mailto:fosters@hshv.org) or call 734-661-3520. These are checked 7 days a week.