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## CLEAN SWEEP

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*December 3, 2006* -- HOUSEKEEPING takes on new urgency in the days that precede the major holidays, especially in homes with one or more pets.

Luckily, there are new products to help simplify cleanup for busy pet lovers who feel pressure to present a spotless home to guests during "the most wonderful time of the year."

The powerful Dyson DC 15 Animal vacuum is a must. Company founder James Dyson reports that a pair of beloved golden retrievers motivated him to invent his famous bagless machine that devours pet hairs without losing suction (\$599 at Target.com).

Before suctioning, scatter Fresh Wave Stinky Pet Vacuum Beads on the floor. The machine's airflow will activate the product's odor neutralizer. But for safety, leave pets out of the room so they don't vacuum up the pearls before you do (\$12 for 4.25 ounces at Whole Foods stores or fresh-wave.com).

To remove shed hairs at the source, the FURminator de-shedding tool is a metal rake that thins out canine and feline undercoats before the fuzzy stuff attaches itself to every surface of your home (\$24.95 at Petsmart.com).

Still dogged by shed hairs? The brilliant Sticky Sheets offer the fuzz-lifting action of a lint roller in large, flat sheets that cover more surface area - perfect for grooming the sofa (\$29.95 for 24 sheets from sticky-sheets.com).

To really impress guests, consider not only how your surroundings look and smell, but how Fido looks and smells, too.

Between baths, spritz him with Sexy Beast eau de parfum - the blend of bergamot, vanilla, patchouli, mandarin and nutmeg oil leaves pooches smelling as spicy-sweet as a Starbucks Chai Latte (\$50 for 1.7 ounces at sexybeaststyle.com).

Nothing dampens the holiday spirit and atmosphere like eau de wet dog, and on rainy and snowy days that's often the aroma of the communal carpeting in your building's hallway.

Be a good neighbor and literally spread holiday cheer by spritzing Febreze Fresh Evergreen & Snow Fabric Refresher on the carpet outside your apartment (\$2.99 for 500 ml. at supermarkets).

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