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Allergy Sufferers, Veterinarians Manage Dander With Central Vac



Powered by a central vacuum system, this automatic dustpan whisks debris from the living area. Simply press the toe switch and watch dust, dirt and allergens disappear.

(NAPSA)—If you have allergies and pets, you might consider the solution many veterinarians have found to manage dander, pet hair and dust.

For Dave Harriton, DVM, founder of the Animal Hospital of Barrington, N.H., the solution was a central vacuum system.

“There’s really no other way to keep it clean,” says Harriton. “I see 40 to 50 animals a day and the rooms are cleaned after each patient is seen.”

According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI), as many as 10 million of the 100 million Americans who own pets are allergic to their dogs and cats. Yet 80 percent of pet owners keep their pets inside the home, triggering sneezing, itching, watery eyes, runny nose and a variety of other allergic reactions.

“The number one complaint we have about pets is the shedding,” says Harriton. “A good central vacuum system is the best way to

eliminate that problem.”

For quick cleanups, Beam Central Vacuum Systems offers a KickSweep automatic dustpan. It’s installed at the base of a wall or cabinet, so the user simply sweeps dirt and debris to the KickSweep and presses the toe switch. The dirt, pet hair and dander are whisked away.

In fact, numerous allergy physicians and environmental organizations, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), say the use of central vacuum systems may help some patients live comfortably with pets in the home.

A recent clinical study found allergic rhinitis symptoms improved 40 to 60 percent when patients used a central vacuum system instead of a portable vacuum to clean their homes.

“I wouldn’t think of running a veterinary office without it,” Dr. Harriton says.

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