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Pet Approved Flooring For Your Home

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The floor of your home may be the most important part of the house to a pet. I mean, they spend almost all of their time there, especially if mom and dad don't let them up on the furniture. We let Gus and Charly have free range of the house. They can hop up on the sofas, beds, even the chairs sometimes. But I think they still prefer to spend a majority of their time on the floor.

Choosing flooring for your home is incredibly important if you have pets. [Yesterday](#) on my blog House and Hound I featured an excellent carpet product from [Flor](#), and today I'd like to mention some more "pet approved" flooring options here on Curbly.

Hardwood floors may seem like the best flooring choice for a pet friendly environment. They're elegant, easy to clean, and never go out of style. But your pet may dislike a hardwood floor. It can be cold, slippery, and well... hard.

But don't despair, there are plenty of other good hard flooring options to choose from. Your pup may like the luxury vinyl flooring from [Lonseal](#). There have been huge advancements in the vinyl flooring industry, with more exciting pattern and color choices than ever before. Luxury vinyl has many pet-friendly attributes. It's moisture resistant, very quiet, low allergen, and softer on the paws than wood.

Painted or stained concrete is another option that's incredibly durable and easy to clean. You can even install heating underneath the flooring to provide some warmth under fur and feet. Check out [The Concrete Network](#) for more information about installing concrete flooring in your home.

If you don't like the concept of concrete floors, you can install ceramic instead. Ceramic tile is excellent at resisting pet stains because it isn't porous like the majority of natural stone material. Check out [American Olean](#) for products, ideas, and inspiration.

A very "green" and pet friendly flooring product to consider is bamboo. It has several attractive qualities including a unique finished appearance, affordability, wearability, and flexibility. It's also naturally stain resistant and extremely easy to clean. Plus bamboo is a renewable resource, making it the perfect flooring material for the conservationist in you. Check out [Teragren Bamboo Flooring](#) for environmentally and socially conscious flooring products that your pet will love.