Courtesy Information: Possible Pet Urine Odor Indicators

Courtesy information. This sheet lists conditions that can be associated with pet urine contamination in a home. It is general information, not a finding about this property. These conditions do not confirm pet urine, and many have other causes. Tracing the source or extent of pet urine contamination is generally outside the scope of a general home inspection and requires a separate pet odor inspection.

Conditions that can be associated with pet urine odor or damage:

- Odor in one or more rooms, often strongest at floor level
- Odor that returns or strengthens when the home is closed up or warm
- Staining or discoloration at carpet edges, baseboards, the lower part of walls, door jambs or stair areas
- Swelling or warping of baseboards, trim or floor seams
- Rust or corrosion on floor registers or other metal near the floor
- Flooring, baseboards or paint updated in only some areas
- Staining on garage or basement concrete, or a recently coated concrete surface
- Signs pets lived in the home

Good to know:

- People's noses adapt to an odor within minutes.
- Ventilation, temperature and air fresheners can make odor harder to notice during a visit.
- New finishes can make an older odor problem harder to detect.

If odor is a concern, consider a separate pet odor inspection. If the issue appears to involve building materials, a structural odor remediation service can evaluate the affected materials and determine what type of remediation may be needed.

This information is provided as a courtesy. It is not part of, and does not change, the scope of any home inspection.