Jennifer Aniston suffers possible relapse

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Chicago, IL? Jennifer Aniston collapsed on the set of her new film, *The Break Up*, a few weeks ago. She complained of lethargy, vertigo, nausea, and extreme sweating. The symptoms exhibit heat exhaustion, but are also the same symptoms of mycotoxicosis. Most physicians are unable to tell the difference.

Could this be the residual effects of fungal exposure she experienced from her former residence with ex Brad Pit? It has left many people wondering but only her closest confidants know for sure.

In May of 2001, the couple spent \$13.5 million to buy themselves their Beverly Hills mansion located at 1026 Ridgedale Drive, is a 12,000 square-foot, six-bedroom French Normandy that was built for Fredric March, the Oscar-winning actor who starred in *Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde* in 1931 and *The Best Years Of Our Lives* in 1946. The house was designed by architect Wallace Neff.

Pitt and Aniston, in 2000, spent 9 months looking for the perfect home. Their former love nest was a roaming French Normandy design with a rotunda foyer, a screening room, spa, wine cellar and a tennis court. It might have been devastating to discover mold in this house.

It was one of the truly wonderful houses around. For years it was the home of the Vanderbilt heir Shirley Burden and his wife, Flobelle. Their son, the late New York social figure Carter Burden, grew up in the house. Then Wallis Annenberg, the daughter of Walter Annenberg, the billionaire publisher and former ambassador to the Court of St. James's, occupied the house for about a decade.

It is unknown who owned the home before Pit and Aniston bought it or if mold was disclosed. The couple *renovated* the home before moving in. Some of the changes that Pit made displeased some people who were familiar with the original paneling which he removed for unknown reasons. It is unclear if a partial mold remediation was conducted during that time. Over two years after completion of the project, they moved into the house in August of 2003.

That same year, the story of the mold discovery was made public.

The former *Friends* star spotted the dangerous fungus in the garage of the home she shares with husband Pitt earlier this month, while preparing to join the actor on the Malta set of his new movie *Troy*.

She says, "I was cleaning out the garage and I found this mold. It was black and thick and really nasty. I had never seen anything so disgusting.?

"I started cleaning it out, then I got very sick."

Experts - who have been investigating the outbreaks of mold in the Hollywood Hills, where Jennifer and Brad owned the home - feared the fungus in question could have been the killer stachybotrys; a black, slimy mold that has been linked to permanent neurological, pathological, immunological, and psychological damage including miscarriages, nosebleeds, vertigo, asthma, digestive problems, and Multiple Sclerosis.

File footage of the two story French Normandy house. Photos taken in 1939.



A view of an interior room in the former Pit/Aniston home when it belonged to actor Frederic March. His wife, Florence Eldridge, decorated the house, which was designed by Wallace Neff. This screening room was used to show anti-Fascist films as well as the pictures of March.

Dr. Eckhardt Johanning, who is heading up the team of experts, says, "I have seen this cause irreparable damage to respiratory systems. Mold is like a toxic cocktail."

In July on 2004, Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt's attempts to start a family - allegedly were rocked by a devastating miscarriage, according to a national tabloid. Nevertheless, health problems could have possibly played a role in the couple's day to day lives.

This turn of events has left many wondering, could the mold problem have led to the famous couple's divorce?

It's rather strange that shortly after the mold was discovered the house was put on the market. . .

After the divorce announcement, the house was immediately put on the market several months ago for \$20 million. An announcement was made that comedienne Ellen DeGeneres and girlfriend Portia De Rossi have bought the house this month. According to the New York Post, the former *Friends* star reportedly reduced the staggering asking price to \$12 million. But for some strange reason, the sale never went through. This is the clincher, after this announcement was made, another conflicting comment came out to the effect that neither one of them could agree on a price. This very well could have had something to do with the mold or the "two years of renovation" work that was done on the property before the couple occupied it and the mold was discovered.

The house was purchased five years ago for

\$13.5 million and real estate has been appreciating. Aniston was supposedly going to sell the property for 1.5 million dollars less plus they renovated it? Do these numbers sound right?

Do you think that the price reduction had something to do with the mold problem and remediation?

Generally homes that belong to celebrities generate a much higher selling price, so, in reality, this home should sell for at least 8 million dollars more than the price that was originally paid for it, especially with the skyrocketing prices of real estate in California during the last five years, and the "renovation." Could the "renovation" not have been that effective? How important is owning a former celebrity's mansion at the cost of one's health? Wouldn't one the very wealthy trying to be scooping up this Beverly Hills legacy if it were that safe and sound?

This story is truly baffling, and probably closer to the truth behind the demise of the Pitt-Anniston marriage. Surely, this is not the last of this house that you will hear about.





A view of the dining room. Note the scenic wallpaper on all three walls. It is unknown the extent of the mold damage at this time.

An exterior view of the rear elevation of the home of actor Frederic March and Florence Elderidge, and lately Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pit with view of the swimming pool. Some experts speculate if there may have been drainage problems associated with the swimming pool.