

Diarrhoea

Information about Diarrhoea

Diarrhea can last for several days to several weeks, and can even last a month without proper veterinary care. If your dog has diarrhea for under a day, there may be no cause for concern, but it will be important to watch over your dog to see if other symptoms develop. The condition of abnormally frequent loose and runny stools is known as diarrhea, and acute diarrhea is characterized by one cause with a sudden onset.

Symptoms of acute diarrhea include:

- Very loose stools, almost liquid-like
- Flatulence
- Mucus in the stool
- Straining when defecating
- Lethargy
- Dehydration
- Fever
- Malaise
- Loss of appetite
- Loss of weight

What gives dogs diarrhea? Certain types of breeds can come down with diarrhea more than others. Also, young puppies are more likely to get diarrhea due to parasites than adult dogs. Acute dog diarrhea can be caused by several factors. These causes can be from sudden dietary changes, intolerance to certain foods, eating spoiled food, parasites, poisonous substances that are ingested, ingestion of an object, reaction or allergy to a substance, infection, either bacterial or viral, inflammatory bowel disorder, liver disease, kidney disease, cancer of the digestive area, medication, digestive area tumors, colitis, stress and a gastrointestinal disorder or stress.



If your dog has diarrhea for more than 24 hours, if there is blood in the stool, or if your dog is lethargic or also vomiting, it is time to take them to the veterinarian. Be sure to provide easily accessed, fresh water so your pet does not become dehydrated.

If you're concerned your pet has diarrhoea or has serious vomiting please seek veterinary attention early. Our team of amazing veterinarians are available 24/7 for any emergencies when your vet is not available. Feel free to call us if you aren't sure you should see a veterinarian or not, and our team can assist you.



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