

## HOME CARE FOR ACUTE VOMITING DOG

Vomiting: the act of ejecting stomach contents back out through the mouth. It can be simply due to mild irritation of the stomach wall during uncomplicated gastroenteritis. Withholding water and food for a time will allow the irritation to subside.

***IF DOG HAS PERSISTENT VOMITING, SIGNS OF DISTRESS OR SEVERE DEPRESSION. YOU SHOULD SEEK IMMEDIATE VETERINARY ATTENTION.***

1. Withhold water for 2 - 6 hours; then offer small amount every 15 min. Put ONLY about 1/8th inch of water in bowl the first few times. Slowly increase the amounts of water over the next few hours.
2. Withhold all food intake for 12 - 24 hours or until your dog has gone at least 6 hours without vomiting and is able to keep water down.
3. Pepto-Bismol is often an effective treatment for vomiting as well as an anti-diarrhea medication. You may give:
  - a) 1 teaspoon per 10 pounds body weight of the dog, 4-6 times daily. You may contact our office for a syringe to help give the liquid by mouth, or use a turkey baster for larger dogs.
  - b) Pepto-Bismol tablets may also be used: give 1/2 tablet per 10 pounds of body weight, crushed to a fine powder, 4-6 times daily. (The liquid is better for vomiting pets.)
4. Famotidine (Pepcid AC) may help calm gastric irritation: The dosage should be between 2 and 5mg per 10 pounds body weight of the dog, every 12-24 hours.
5. After 12 - 24 hours, if not vomiting and able to keep water down, offer a bland diet:
  - a) a homemade diet of 4 parts boiled rice to 1 part boiled chicken or hamburger (fat removed). Add small amount of warm water and mash to make fine mixture, or blenderize food for the first few meals.
  - b) Or, you may use science diet I/D canned, available at our office.
  - c) Offer 3-4 small meals a day; give any dispensed medication for vomiting 20 - 30 minutes BEFORE meals, as directed.
  - d) If no further vomiting, you may go back to the regular diet, mixing increasing amount of the regular food into each meal over the next few days.

PLEASE NOTE:

**CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

- ◆ If the vomiting persists for more than 12 hrs while medicated
- ◆ If diarrhea develops and continues for more than 2-3 days
- ◆ If your pet is not drinking water
- ◆ If your pet is getting depressed in attitude.
- ◆ Blood is noted in vomit/diarrhea