



How to Tell if Your Dog is Sick

Dogs can't tell us when something is wrong, so it's important to watch for changes in their behavior and body. This guide helps you recognize early signs of illness so you can act quickly.

Behavior Changes

If your dog is suddenly very tired, hiding, acting differently, or not interested in normal activities, something may be wrong.

Eating & Drinking

Watch for loss of appetite, drinking much more or less than usual, or sudden weight loss.

Vomiting & Diarrhea

Occasional issues can happen, but repeated vomiting, diarrhea lasting more than a day, or any blood is a concern.

Breathing

Fast breathing, struggling to breathe, coughing, or wheezing should be taken seriously.

Gums

Healthy gums are pink. Pale, blue, or very red gums can mean something is wrong.

Movement

Limping, trouble standing, or not wanting to move can be signs of pain or injury.

Skin & Coat

Look for excessive scratching, hair loss, redness, or wounds that aren't healing.

Temperature Issues

Too hot: heavy panting, drooling, weakness. Too cold: shaking, slowing down, curling up tightly.

Bathroom Changes

Straining, not going at all, or blood in urine or stool should not be ignored.

When to Get Help Right Away

If your dog is not breathing normally, collapses, has seizures, cannot stand, or has very pale/blue gums, get help immediately.

If something doesn't seem right, trust your instincts. It's always better to check early than wait.

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