

# TOP 10 SIGNS YOUR DOG is sick

No one wants to see their furry friend under the weather, but illness and old age are an inevitable part of a canine's life. While it can be difficult seeing your dog suffer, there are many signs and symptoms you can look out for to help your friend through this trying period.

Sometimes it's difficult to tell if your dog is sick. Many symptoms can be subtle or confused with signs of aging. If your dog shows signs of illness, or if you are concerned about its health, contact your veterinarian immediately.



Here are the top 10 signs your dog may be sick:



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## LOSS OF APPETITE

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If your dog does not eat for more than 24 hours, you should take him to the vet. Loss of appetite is often a symptom of the common cold, and is usually accompanied by shivering, lethargy, and dry, warm nose.



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## EXCESSIVE DRINKING/URINATION

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Pay attention to your dog's drinking habits to see if he or she is consuming more water. Also watch for urination patterns. Excessive urination could be a sign of kidney problems or diabetes. Decreased urination can be a sign of urinary tract problems or bladder stones.





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## VOMITING OR DIARRHEA

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Take your dog to the vet if it is experiencing excessive vomiting or diarrhea, especially within 24 hours, and/or if there is blood. These symptoms are usually a sign your dog has an ulcer or parasites, or that it ate something harmful.



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## BAD BREATH/DROOLING

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Many people believe bad breath and drooling are common for a dog, but they can be symptoms of poor dental and overall health. Brush your dog's teeth regularly and check their breath daily. If your dog's bad breath or drooling do not go away, visit your vet right away.

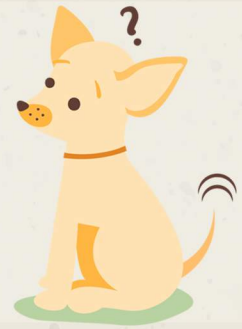


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## EXCESSIVE COUGHING

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Do not ignore your dog's excessive coughing, which could be a sign of bronchitis, heart worms, lung disease, or heart disease.



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## BEHAVIORAL CHANGES

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When your dog is feeling ill, you will notice a change in his or her behavior. Major changes to look for include appetite, thirst, and energy levels. However, if you notice anything unusual, take your dog to the vet. Keep an eye out for discomfort or irritation in a specific spot.



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## ENERGY LEVELS

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If your pooch is tired more often or less active, it could be a sign of weakness due to illness. Hyperactivity can also be a cause for concern.





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## LABORED BREATHING

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Labored breathing can be a sign of respiratory problems. If your dog's gums are blue, take him or her to the vet immediately.



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## EXCESSIVE SCRATCHING

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Scratching is normal for a dog, but excessive scratching can mean your dog has fleas, ticks, mange mites, allergies, or hormonal problems.



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## STIFFNESS/TROUBLE MOVING

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If your dog has trouble climbing or descending stairs, rising, or walking, it could be an indication of a wide range of causes including arthritis, hip dysplasia, or Lyme disease.

