

Skunk Odor Removal

What to do when fido gets “skunked”



Step 1: Keep Fido outside

You'll probably want to keep your dog outside while you get it together so they don't carry the smell indoors.

DO NOT try to wash the skunk spray off with **water**, it will only spread it further on your pet, the ground and you! Use the recipe below immediately.

Also, check their eyes; if they're irritated or red, immediately flush them with cool water or eyedrops, but avoid getting water on their fur, etc. as it will only spread the skunk's spray.

Step 2: Mix these Ingredients Together:

1 quart of 3-percent hydrogen peroxide (available at any pharmacy, Costco, etc.)

1/4 cup baking soda

1 teaspoon liquid dishwashing soap

[De-skunking Shampoos on Amazon.com](#) »

Wearing rubber gloves, wash your dog with this solution immediately after they've been sprayed. **DO NOT** get the solution in their eyes. (If you don't have peroxide, baking soda, and liquid soap on hand, use vinegar diluted with water.)

Caution: **DO NOT** store this mixture or make it ahead of time, as the mixture could explode if left in a bottle.

Having all of these products in a “go bag” can be a life-saver.
Stock up now!

Step 3: Clean and rinse

Rub the mixture through their fur, but don't leave it on too long (peroxide can bleach fur). Rinse them thoroughly with water **AFTER** they've been cleaned up.

Step 4: Shampoo

Next, wash your dog with pet shampoo and rinse thoroughly. By now, they should be de-skunked and smelling sweet. Thoroughly towel-dry your dog, and be sure to place them in a warm, sunny room for the next couple of hours so that they don't get chilled.

“One Shot Deodorizing Shampoo is highly recommended by groomers

Owner cleanup

If your dog rubbed some of the stink onto you, you can rid your clothes of the smell by using regular laundry detergent mixed with a half-cup of baking soda.