

What to do if.....my dog has diarrhoea or vomiting?

Diarrhoea

If your dog is otherwise well and there is no vomiting and no blood in the faeces, the first step is to starve your dog for 24 hours then offer a suitable intestinal diet for the next few days. If there is no response within 48 hours, then contact the surgery for an appointment. Water should be freely available.

If your dog is less than 3 months old you should contact the surgery for advice before starving. If there is blood in the faeces or your dog is unwell you should contact the surgery for an appointment.

Suitable intestinal diets are available from the surgery without you having to have an appointment or needing to register.

Vomiting

Occasional vomiting is not unusual in the dog and provided there are no other signs, may be ignored. If there is repeated vomiting in one day then initial starving as for diarrhoea may help but if the vomiting persists you should contact the surgery.

If vomiting is intermittent but more than once a week you should make an appointment for an examination.

If there is blood in the vomit you should make an appointment as soon as possible.

Do not starve dogs under 3 months of age without taking advice from the surgery.

If your dog is collapsed or shows other signs as well as vomiting you should contact the surgery for an urgent appointment,