



Causes of Bad Breath in Dogs

Bad breath, which is also known as halitosis is the outcome of a buildup of smell producing bacteria in the dog's mouth, lungs and gut. Constant bad breath can be a sign that your dog needs good Dental care, or something might be wrong with your dog's gastrointestinal tract. Whatever may be The reason, if your dog has bad breath, it's a red signal, which you need to take into consideration.

There can be several reasons for bad breath in dogs, however, some of the main causes are:

- Eating canned dog foods, food high in fish oils, food that is too hard to digest, and sneaking from other pet's food bowl are the common causes of bad breath in dogs.
- If any food or hair particle gets stuck in your dog's teeth.
- Teething is the most common reason for having bad breath in puppies and dogs in which the bacteria get deposited in the gum line.
- Periodontal disease (a painful dental or gum disease) that may lead to loss of the tooth. It also damages the organs like kidney's, liver and heart. In this condition, the plaque Gets matured and cause irritating gingivitis.
- Gastrointestinal diseases (in stomach, liver, esophagus or intestine)
- Oral diseases like stomatitis (painful inflammation of the gums) and oral masses (cancerous growth) and gingival hyperplasia in which gums are overgrown.
- Metabolic disease (in kidneys) causes sour smelling breath, which occurs by the abnormal presence of some toxins in the blood.
- Diabetes (a sign where bad breath can smell sweet or fruity)

Caution: If your dog's breath is having an unusual smell, then consult your veterinarian immediately. In some cases, it can be a warning sign to various medical problems, which needs immediate treatment.