

SENIOR PET HEALTH CARE

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GUT UPSETS IN OLDER DOGS AN OWNER'S GUIDE

What is a gut upset?

Gut, or gastrointestinal (GI) upsets occur when something unbalances your dog's digestive system, causing troublesome symptoms.

Your dog is more likely to have a gut upset as a youngster or when they get older.

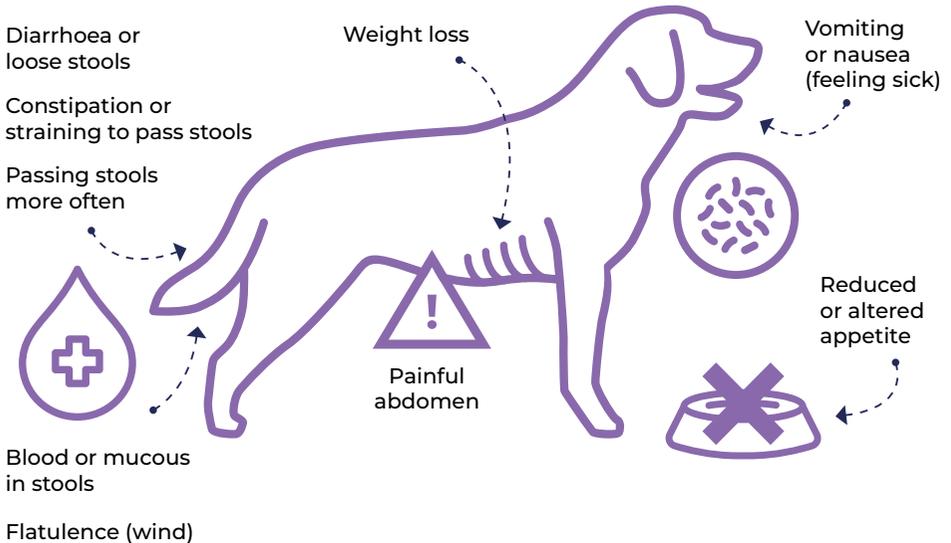
*Nearly a fifth of all dog visits to the vet are due to gut upsets^{*1}*



1/3 of these visits are due to diarrhoea¹

^{*}non routine vet visits – i.e. excluding preventative healthcare visits, such as vaccinations

What are the signs of a gut upset?



Gut upsets and older dogs

There are a lot of possible causes of gut upsets. Just like us, dogs have millions of gut bacteria that are essential to keep them healthy.

An imbalance in these bacteria often results in gut upsets. Imbalance can be caused by certain diseases, medications, change in diet (including eating things that they shouldn't!) and even stress.

As your dog gets older, the number of 'good' bacteria living in their intestines naturally decreases.²

This is one of the reasons that your older dog is more likely to have GI upsets.

How can your vet help your dog with a gut upset?

Your vet will examine your dog, ask general health questions and maybe carry out more tests:

- Blood tests - check for problems in your dog's organs and whether the intestines are able to properly absorb nutrients
- Stool sample - to look for parasites and infections
- Imaging - radiographs (x-rays) or an ultrasound scan, look for physical changes in your dog's digestive system

Your vet will advise how to best treat any underlying conditions and may recommend ways to improve your dog's gut health.

The first FOR DOGS, FROM DOGS GI SUPPORT

Containing 3 strains of live Lactobacillus 'good' bacteria, Procanicare is proven to improve stool consistency and general well-being in dogs.

Procanicare is the ONLY canine bacterial GI support product to be developed from the beneficial gut bacteria of healthy dogs. It has been proven that gut bacteria grow best in the host species that they originate from.



Procanicare can be useful to help maintain gut health when gut bacteria imbalance is a risk, e.g.

- During stressful events, such as travelling or kennelling
- When changing diet or after scavenging
- During and after taking antibiotics
- Older or more sensitive tummies

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