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DOGS EATING FECES

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Dogs eating feces is not at all an usual behavior for dogs. A dog eating feces can be triggered by various life situations. Some of these situations can be mental or physiological. If your adult dog who has not previously had this habit suddenly develops it, take your pet to your veterinarian for a check up.

Why does my dog eat feces?

A dog that is not getting enough to eat or is going too long between meals may eat feces. You can discuss with your veterinarian an appropriate feeding plan for your pet.

A dog with intestinal parasites or other condition that creates blood or other fecal changes may eat feces. A fresh fecal sample should be taken to your veterinarian for an evaluation that can detect some of these problems

Some dogs develop a mental condition that they will be punished if their humans find them in the same room with feces. Dogs react to this fearful situation by eating the feces. This is one of many reasons not to use punishment while house training your pet.

Tips on how to stop your dog from eating feces.

The number one thing you can do to overcome feces eating is to keep your dog's relief area clean of feces. It's not only healthy for your dog but for humans as well. After the dog's habits are steady, you may be able to pick up just once a day if you have a private yard for your dog to use.

There are some additives that are helpful to prevent this habit. The theory is that the additives provide a nutrient that your dog is seeking in its feces. Other times the theory is that the additive makes the feces taste bad to the dog. Before you try adding any of these things to your dog's food, consult your veterinarian.

When taking your dog out on a leash as soon as your pet has a bowel movement and shows interest in it, gently tug the leash call your pet to you and offer a treat with lots of praise. At this point you have really taken your dogs mind off of the feces. As you set this habit more strongly through repetition, you will be able to fade out the bad habit.