

Blood in Dog Poop

Seeing a little bit of blood in your dog's poop can be a bit alarming, but don't panic just yet! If your pup is acting like their usual self and hasn't been sick, it's usually nothing serious. Just keep an eye on them, and if the bleeding continues, if there's a lot of blood, or if they start to seem unwell, it's a good idea to give your vet a call.



So, when should you visit the vet?

- **If the poop is black:** This might mean there's digested blood, so definitely reach out to your vet.
- **If it's loose and runny with jelly-like blood:** This could indicate colitis, which is inflammation of the lower bowel. It often clears up in a couple of days, but if your dog seems off or if the symptoms stick around or are really bad, don't hesitate to contact your vet.
- **If you see bright red spots:** This might happen if your dog is straining, and it's usually not a big deal. But if it keeps happening, it's worth mentioning to your vet.

Why is there blood in my dog's poop?

There are quite a few reasons why your dog's poop might have blood in it, ranging from worms and gastroenteritis to food allergies or just eating something they shouldn't have. But remember, if your dog seems healthy otherwise, it's typically nothing to worry about.

However, if your pup is feeling unwell and keeps straining or passing blood, definitely reach out to your vet for a check-up. Better safe than sorry!