



## Removing Skunk Odor

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Winter is right around the corner, and soon people and pets alike will be spending a lot more time outdoors. Early spring is also mating season for skunks, which means they are going to be moving around, and can show up anywhere – in the country or in the city! If your dog gets sprayed, you will quickly encounter an odor you will never forget, and one that can be next to impossible to get off your pet. The following procedure has proven very effective at resolving this odoriferous situation.

#### Step 1: Keep Fido Outside

While you prepare the de-skunking solution, keep your dog outside after it has been sprayed so it doesn't carry the smell into your house. Check the dog's eyes; if they're irritated or red, immediately flush them with cool water.

#### Step 2: Mix the Ingredients

Mix together the following:

- 1 quarter of 3% hydrogen peroxide
- ¼ cup baking soda
- 1 teaspoon liquid dishwashing soap

Wearing rubber gloves wash your dog with this solution. DO NOT get the solution in the dog's eyes.

#### Step 3: Clean and Rinse

Rub the mixture through the dog's fur, but don't leave it on too long – peroxide can bleach the fur. Rinse your dog thoroughly.

#### Step 4: Shampoo

Next, wash your dog with pet shampoo and rinse thoroughly. By now, the dog should be de-skunked and smelling sweet. Thoroughly towel-dry your dog.

#### Step 5: Owner and Household Cleanup

If your dog rubbed some of the stink onto you, you can rid your clothes of the smell by using regular laundry detergent mixed with a half-cup of baking soda.

If the smell got into the house, use a 1 oz. / gallon solution of Hillyard [Suprox®](#) to clean all washable hard surfaces that may have been contaminated. A carpet extractor will need to be used along with the 1 oz. / gallon solution of Suprox® if the odor got into carpeting.