



How to “Deskunk” Your Dog

There are few smells as unpleasant as a dog that has been sprayed by a skunk. The following tips are to help give your nose (and your dog’s) some relief.

1. Check your dog’s eyes. Skunk spray is irritating and can cause your dog’s eyes to become irritated. If you notice your dog’s eyes are red or watering, rinse them with some eyewash solution (the type used for people is fine).
2. Wash your dog well (preferably before bringing him inside the house). The following Remedies have been used with success.
 - ***Tomato juice** – This tried and true remedy is an old favorite. Suds your dog in shampoo and dry him off then douse him in tomato juice. Make sure you saturate the coat and let it soak for 10 to 20 minutes. Then rinse off the juice and wash again with the regular shampoo. You may have to repeat these steps several times. Be warned however that a white dog may be temporarily orange after this procedure.
 - ***Skunk Off** – This is a product you can obtain from your veterinarian that works very well to remove the skunk odor.
 - ***Massengill** – For small to medium pets use two ounces of Massengill douche with one gallon of water. For large dogs, you’ll want to double the amount of water and Massengill. Pour the mixture over the dog until it is thoroughly soaked, wait 15 minutes and then rinse. Follow with a bath using the dog’s regular shampoo.
 - ***Chemistry concoction** – You can make your own deskunking formula by mixing ¼ cup of baking soda with 1 teaspoon of liquid soap in a quart of hydrogen peroxide. Work the solution into your dog’s coat well and then rinse.

