

# How to Get Rid of Skunk Smell - simple home remedy that eliminates odor on pets.



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Did your dog get sprayed by a skunk? Home remedies to remove skunk odor are actually more effective than some commercial skunk removal products, according to an experiment performed on the Discovery Channel show "Mythbusters."

Skunk spray contains thiols, an organic sulfur molecule that's also responsible for the odors associated with rotting flesh. Humans are extremely sensitive to thiols, so when these little black and white critters spray, we smell it from far, far away!

A skunk smell on a dog or cat can be absolutely overwhelming, and it will also permeate your home.



While you're handling a dog that has been sprayed by a skunk, always wear disposable latex gloves to prevent getting the spray on your skin.

Notably, while this article is written with dogs in mind, the same methods are safe for use on cats too!

## Skunk Odor Home Remedy for Pets

Hydrogen Peroxide, Baking Soda and Dish Soap

Our first skunk odor eliminator home remedy has three basic ingredients: Hydrogen Peroxide, Baking Soda and Dish Soap. Why does it work? The ingredients combine to generate oxygen molecules; these bond to the thiols and change their structure. No thiols means no skunk smell!

Begin by gathering the following items:

- 3% Hydrogen Peroxide
- Baking Soda
- Dish Soap
- Bowl
- Spoon
- Water
- Sponge
- Bathtub, Sink or Hose
- Latex Gloves
- Dog Shampoo
- Dog Conditioner (optional)



Mix:

- 1/4 Cup of Baking Soda;
- 1 Quart of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide; and
- 2 Tablespoons of Dish Soap.

Step 1 --- Stir the skunk remover recipe in a bowl until the baking soda has dissolved.

Step 2 --- Rinse the pet's fur and wash out as much of the skunk spray as possible. Most pets are sprayed in the face, chest and front legs area.

Step 3 --- Apply the mixture with a damp sponge. Sponge it onto the pet's fur and work it into the underlying skin.

Step 4 --- Don latex gloves and massage the homemade skunk smell remover onto the dog's fur and skin. It must remain on for 10 minutes.

Step 5 --- Rinse the dog's fur thoroughly to remove the mixture.

Step 6 --- Shampoo the dog to remove residual odor. The dog's fur will retain the smell, even in regions that were not directly sprayed (The same way your hair smells like cigarette smoke after spending time in a smoky bar.) The pet shampoo will remove this residual odor.



Step 7 --- Rinse the shampoo from the pet's fur. Be sure to rinse the dog thoroughly, as shampoo residue can result in a rash or itching.

Step 8 --- Moisturize the dog's skin and improve the coat's smell by applying a pet conditioner. This step is optional.

**Be warned:**

***This skunk remover home remedy may lighten your pet's fur, particularly if you leave it on for longer than 10 minutes.*** But, really, it's a small price to pay when your home is overtaken by the noxious odor!

In addition, if you can apply the skunk odor eliminator concoction outside, that's ideal. Bring a bucket of warm water outside as a water source or opt for the garden hose in warm weather. This will prevent your home from getting contaminated with the smell.

Always use shampoos and conditioners designed specifically for pets. Human shampoos and conditioners will cause a rash and itchy skin.



Use caution when working around the pet's eyes and face.