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Dog owners are not really worried if the pet vomits. These four legged friends will be seen vomiting every once in a while. Dogs are not only voracious eaters but indiscriminate eaters as well. Dogs are very fast eaters. In the wild, hunted prey will be devoured by the pack in an instant. To survive in a world where food is scarce, dogs have to eat fast. Gulping down food is an ingrained canine habit as in spite of the food regularly provided by owners, dogs would still eat fast. A vomiting episode will occur when dogs eat too much or too fast.

Vomiting is nature's way of ridding the stomach of its unwanted contents. To resolve stomach upset caused by ingested substances, the dog would munch grass to induce vomiting. A dog that is about to vomit will be seen retching while the muscles of the stomach heave. After drooling and whining, the dog will vomit to remove the contents of the stomach.

Dogs would be seen throwing up a yellowish frothy substance in the morning. This can happen if the dog was not given its dinner as this kind of vomiting is an indication of hunger. Although the common cause of dog vomiting is dietary indiscretion, there are other reasons why dogs throw up and some of these conditions are life threatening.

Repeated vomiting can result to dehydration. A dog that vomits repetitively may have ingested a poisonous substance. The once or twice vomiting episode of the pet should not concern the owner as the dog would be its normal self after gagging and hacking. But if the vomiting occurs repeatedly, if the vomit is blood tinged and if the lethargic dog is having diarrhea as well, immediate medical attention is mandatory.

To treat the dog's condition, it would be necessary to learn why the dog is vomiting. A dog owner's ability to administer first aid would be enough to stop the dog from vomiting if the cause is dietary indiscretion. Unfortunately, there is no OTC medication that can instantly stop the dog's vomiting episode. The goal of the treatment is to rest the stomach thus food and water have to be withheld for at least 12 to 24 hours. After the fasting period a solution made by mixing a cup of water with a teaspoon of sugar can be given to the pet in small amounts. This electrolyte solution will serve as a test given that if the dog did not vomit after sweetened water is given, boiled rice and chicken and other kinds of bland food can now be given to the pet.

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