

Vomiting

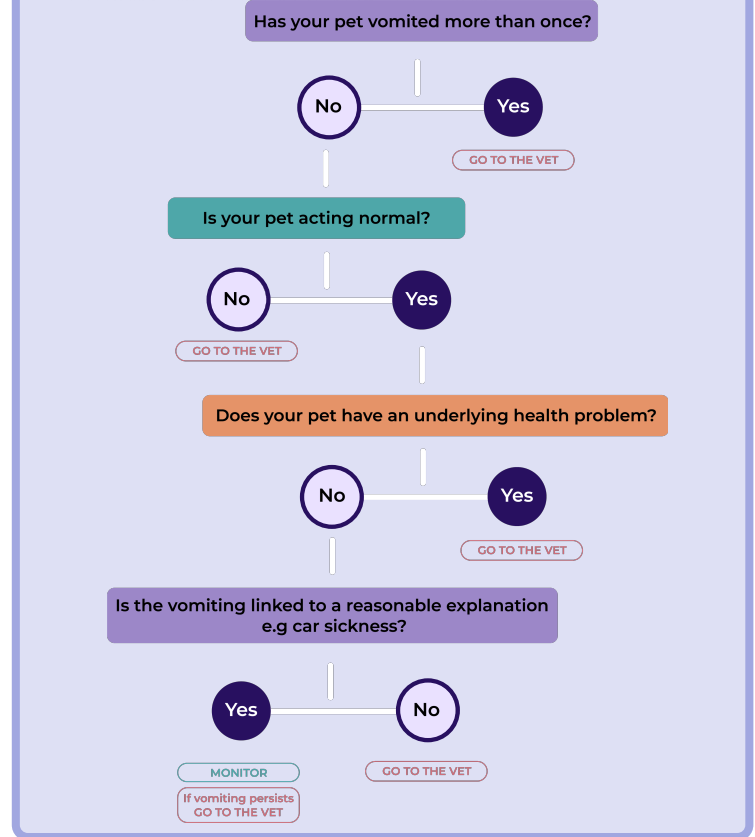
When to take your pet to the veterinarian



Regurgitation and vomiting are often confused but the two symptoms have different causes making it important to distinguish them from each other

Vomiting	Regurgitation
Forceful ejection of stomach and upper intestinal contents	Undigested food is expelled from the mouth, pharynx, or oesophagus
Partially digested food that usually smells sour due to acidic stomach contents	Content is usually covered with mucus and in a tubular shape
Does contain yellow bile	Does not contain yellow bile
Preceded by signs of nausea : lick smacking/drooling	Usually occurs just after eating
Involves abdominal contractions	Does not involve abdominal contractions
It is an active process	It is a passive process , almost like a burp

When should you go to the vet?



Vomit Colour Guide

BLACK /coffee granules

- Could mean: digested blood from a gastric ulcer

Seek immediate veterinary attention

RED | PINK

- Could mean: blood from oesophagus/stomach or swallowing blood from nose, airways or mouth (teeth)

Seek immediate veterinary attention

GREEN

- Could mean: bile or plant material

Monitor and if vomiting persists contact your veterinarian

YELLOW

- Could mean: bile from an empty stomach

Monitor and if vomiting persists contact your veterinarian

BROWN

- Could mean: digested food, eaten chocolate or stool (coprophagia), possible obstruction of the intestine

Contact your veterinarian

WHITE | CLEAR | FOAM

- Could mean: saliva from nausea, swallowing of upper respiratory tract secretions or a more serious digestive problem such as gastric dilatation and volvulus (GDV)

Contact your veterinarian

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UNDIGESTED FOOD

- Could mean: pet ate too quickly, exercised after eating or regurgitation

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