

Symptoms of Bloat:

Listed below are the most common symptoms of bloat. If you suspect that your dog is showing signs of bloat, please visit your **24-Hour Emergency Vet** right away. Bloat is extremely painful and can kill your dog very quickly.

- Acting funny (strange)
- Hunched up
- Obviously stressed out, anxious, restless
- Cold mouth membranes
- Coughing
- Foamy mucous around the lips, or vomiting foamy mucous
- Gums are pale (dark red in early stages, then white or blue in later stages)
- Heavy salivating or drooling
- Looking at their side or other evidence of abdominal pain or discomfort
- May curl up in a ball or go into a praying or crouched position
- Obviously weak – unable to stand
- Seeking a hiding place
- Unable to defecate
- Weak pulse
- Bloated abdomen (it might feel tight, like a drum)
- Lack of normal gurgling/digestive sounds in the tummy
- Accelerated heartbeat
- Collapse
- Drinking excessively
- Gagging
- Heavy or rapid panting
- Licking the air
- May attempt to eat small stones/twigs
- May stand spread-legged
- Refusal to sit down or lie down
- Shallow breathing
- Unsuccessful attempts to vomit; may occur every 5-30 minutes
- Whining

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