







other, so you will need to keep them distracted and in secure areas. If possible, it may be easier for someone else to look after your male dog while your female is in season.

### **My dog has accidentally mated, what should I do?**

If your dog has accidentally mated, contact your vet to discuss your options.

### **My dog is humping all the time, what should I do?**

There are lots of reasons why dogs start to hump. It can sometimes be due to hormones, but it can also be due to excitement or habit (many neutered dogs still hump). If it's becoming a problem, the best thing to do is distract them from doing it. **Never tell your dog off for humping, it's a natural behaviour that can be discouraged and ignored, but not punished - they simply won't understand.**

- Gently move him/her off whatever he/she is humping.
- Once they have calmed, reward them with a treat or toy.
- If your dog continues to hump, quietly and gently put him/her into another room for a minute or two (to calm down).
- Then call him out and reward him/her for doing a trick such as 'sit', 'paw' or 'lie down'. This will distract him/her and encourage more 'favourable' behaviours instead of humping.
- You might also want to find other ways to help your dog use up his/her energy, for example scattering food round the house, or training him to do some new tricks. Contact your vet for advice if your dog's behaviour is causing a serious problem.

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