





## Treatment

Treatment for Alabama rot depends on your dog's symptoms.

**Treatment for skin wounds:** Your dog is likely to need pain relief while their wounds heal. They may also need [antibiotics](#) if their wound becomes infected. If your dog is licking or nibbling their wounds, they may need to wear a [buster collar](#).

**Kidney disease:** If the disease starts to affect your dog's kidneys, they will need intensive care, involving a hospital stay and a fluid drip.

## Outlook

If your dog has a mild case of Alabama rot (that doesn't affect their kidneys), they are likely to make a full recovery. However, if it spreads to the kidneys, unfortunately their outlook is much poorer.

## Prevention

There's been lots of research into Alabama Rot but vets still aren't sure what causes it, which makes it very difficult to prevent. However, there are some sensible steps you can take if you are concerned for your dog, or you know of cases in your area:

- Check your dog regularly for wounds, and contact your vet for an appointment if you are concerned – it's easier to treat Alabama rot if the signs are spotted early.
- Wash your dog's feet after they come home from walking, especially if they have been in a very muddy area (it's been suggested that cases of Alabama rot are more common after a dog has walked in a wet, muddy places).
- Avoid walking in [areas known for Alabama rot](#).

## Cost

Treatment for emergency conditions such as Alabama rot can become very expensive, especially if your dog needs hospitalisation and intensive care. It's important to speak openly to your vet about your finances, the cost of treatment, as well as what you think is right for your pet. There is often more than one treatment option, so if one doesn't work for you and your pet then the vet may be able to offer another. Consider [insuring your dog](#) as soon as you get them, before any signs of illness start. This will make sure you have all the support you need to care for them.

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