

If your dog suffers from colitis regularly (chronic colitis), you will need to work closely with your vet to prevent flare-ups. Prevention measures include:

- Feeding a special food recommended by your vet
- No treats (even dental chews!)
- Prevent food scavenging
- Regular worming treatments
- Additional treatment from your vet during a flare-up

Does my dog need antibiotics?

Antibiotics are rarely needed to treat colitis because bacteria aren't usually involved.

Outlook

Colitis is usually a one-off problem and following treatment, most dogs will recover within a few days. Cases of chronic colitis can take quite a few weeks to improve but can be very well managed with ongoing treatment.

Cost

Treatment for colitis can become expensive, especially if it becomes a long-term problem. Consider insuring your dog as soon as you get them, before any signs of illness start. This will ensure you have all the support you need to care for them.

It's also very important to speak openly to your vet about your finances, the cost of treatment, as well as what you think is right for your dog. There are often several treatment options so if one doesn't work for you and your pet then your vet may be able to offer another.

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