

# Is my dog drinking and weeing too much?

## Overview

- Is your dog drinking and peeing more than usual?
- You may hear your vet use the words polyuria and polydipsia (PUPD for short).
  - Polyuria = weeing too much
  - Polydipsia = drinking too much
- The two symptoms often come together because the more a dog drinks, the more they need to wee, and the more they wee, the more they need to drink.
- There are many possible reasons for your dog drinking and peeing too much.
- If you think your dog is drinking too much, take them to your vet - **never restrict your dog's water to control the problem.**



## Is your dog drinking and weeing too much?

Is your dog...

- Drinking more than usual?
- Thirsty all the time?
- Emptying their water bowl more quickly than usual?

- Drinking from taps, puddles or streams more regularly than usual?
- Drinking so much that they vomit?
- Peeing more often or peeing larger volumes?
- Having accidents weeing in the house?

If this is the case, contact your vet for an appointment. It can be helpful to take a urine sample along with you and tell your vet exactly how much your dog is drinking in a 24 hour period. For help with both these tasks watch our videos:

- How to: collect a urine sample from your dog
- How to: measure how much your pet is drinking

## Causes

Some of the most common causes of drinking and peeing too much include:

- A urine infection
- Diabetes
- Cushing's Disease
- An infected womb 'pyometra'
- Kidney disease
- A high temperature (fever)
- Liver disease
- Medications that cause increased thirst e.g. steroids

There are many other possible causes.

## When to contact your vet

Always take your dog to see the vet if you think they are drinking or peeing too much.

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