

Dog Straining to Urinate

The causes and treatments of a dog's problems urinating.

CAUSES OF URINATION PROBLEMS

Infectious diseases: Bacterial infections causing cystitis (inflammation of the bladder), prostatitis, or prostatic abscess.

Trauma: Urethra, causing stricture (narrowing) due to scarring.

Non-infectious/Acquired diseases: Urolithiasis (urethra, bladder).

Miscellaneous disorders: Dysautonomia (abnormal function of the autonomic nervous system) or benign prostatic hyperplasia (non-cancerous prostate enlargement).

Tumors: In prostate, bladder, or urethra.

Congenital/Inherited disorders: Perineal hernia with bladder strangulation.

What to do: Straining to urinate may or may not be an emergency, depending on the cause, duration, and presence of other symptoms. Contact your veterinarian or emergency clinic immediately for specific advice about your dog's situation.

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