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COPROPHAGY IN DOGS

We now have available in highly purified crystalline edible protein fraction tradenamed “For-Bid”, which, when mixed and fed with dog food, curbs coprophagy. Simply sprinkle on dog food and after the food is consumed, this will impart a forbidden and unpalatable taste to the feces. This product is not an enzyme mixture that alters the normal endogenous digestive process. For-Bid has been used by thousands of veterinarians in both cats and dogs without adverse reactions and with excellent efficacy. In some cases, the daily rations must also be changed.

Recommended Administration

In large dogs (the size of German Shepherds) sprinkle the contents of ½ package on the dog food two times a day for five to six days (morning and night). This will usually curb coprophagy for months, often permanently. In small dogs or puppies, you may give one-quarter of a pack two times per day for four days. For cats, give ¼ packet per day for four to five days. If coprophagy starts again after the initial dosage, give one gram per day for two to three weeks or as necessary.

Points to Consider

1. Be sure you are not over-feeding your dog, because undigested food in the feces will propagate coprophagy. You are the best judge of this.
2. It may be advisable to change the diet. In other words, get something new in the digestive tract. Try a new diet with a range of B complex vitamins as well as minerals.
3. How For-Bid works: The food goes through the gastrointestinal tract and the breakdown product of For-Bid is in the feces. The dog is then sensitized to his feces. The next day the dog picks up his feces and spits it out. The villa of the tongue are reacting. Be sure the dog is not on steroids because this will counter the effect of For-Bid.

Types of Coprophagy

1. Acute—This occurs in young dogs, one to six months old, and has been happening for one to three weeks. For-Bid is 99% effective.
2. Intermediate—This occurs in dogs three to five years old, and has been happening for one to three months. For-Bid is about 95% effective.
3. Chronic—This occurs in dogs five and six years old that have been doing it for one to three years. This is not coprophagy, but rather a bad habit. Here, For-Bid may not work. If it doesn't, we recommend obedience training, or the possible use of a muzzle.