

## Skunk Odour Removal Recipe

So, a skunk has sprayed you or your dog or even a part of your house, and now you want to get rid of the smell.

How do you eliminate the odour once a skunk has sprayed you? A skunk will give many clear signals before it sprays. If threatened, it will stamp its front feet, arch its back, and shuffle away. If you don't leave right away, it will turn its posterior towards you, raise the tail and release the smelly musk, a sulfur-alcohol compound from special glands near the anus. This spray not only stinks but burns and can cause temporary blindness if it is sprayed directly into the eyes.

These remedies *do not work very well*:

- Bathe in tomato juice
- Spray with lemon or orange citrus
- Masking agents like perfume



### **Here is the recipe that does work!**

- ✓ 1 quart (0.94 Litre) 3 percent hydrogen peroxide
- ✓ ¼ cup baking soda (sodium bicarbonate)
- ✓ 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap

- ~ Mix ingredients together in a large open container.
- ~ Use immediately after preparing as it is unstable.
- ~ Apply the active solution (scrub well) and allow to sit on skin/hair coat for 10 minutes prior to rinsing. Be careful to keep the solution out of your pet's eyes, nose and mouth.
- ~ Use a sponge or washcloth to clean/rinse facial areas.
- ~ Rinse well with water and repeat if necessary.
- ~ *Larger dogs will require several batches!*
- ~ Follow above treatment with a regular bath using dog shampoo/conditioner.