

Remove the Skunk Smell by Lav Plourde: <https://lavplourde.tripod.com/skunk/>

Ever doubt your dog's sanity after he has been sprayed by the local skunk for the fourth time this year? A vet once told me that skunk and porcupine chasing dogs fall into two classes:

1. Those who learn the first time
2. Those who never learn.

If, like me, you have a type 2 dog, you will be glad to know that this concoction works better than tomato juice (most things do, actually) and doesn't turn white poodles pink. It is used regularly on Cassis, the huge, white, wooly, standard poodle who thinks that Eau de Skunk is a perfume.

Do yourself a favor and don't try to wash the pooch immediately after you find him proudly ponging on the porch. If you leave him to cure in the back yard for a couple of hours, the smell dissipates somewhat. Besides, it gives you time to run to the pharmacy for the hydrogen peroxide.

Whatever you do, don't bring a freshly skunked pooch into the house! The dog will rub on things and transfer the smell, then the whole house will smell like a skunk. If you must bring him in, wrap him in something washable until you get to the bathtub.

Skunk Smell Remover

1 quart 3% Hydrogen Peroxide

1/4 cup Baking Soda

2 tbsps Dish Detergent. The stuff for washing dishes in the sink, not something for dishwashers.

Mix the ingredients in a large bowl, because it will boil up like Vesuvius. We are, after all, making an oxygen generator. Wash the dog with this while it is still foaming, because it is the oxygen which reacts with the thiols in the skunk stink to neutralize the odor. If it sits around, it will lose its efficacy because the oxygen boils off. Don't try to store it in an airtight container, because it will blow up. The brew also works for clothes, humans and unlucky cats.

Sometimes being chased by a dog is not enough to scare a polecat off the property, in which case, mothballs will do the trick.