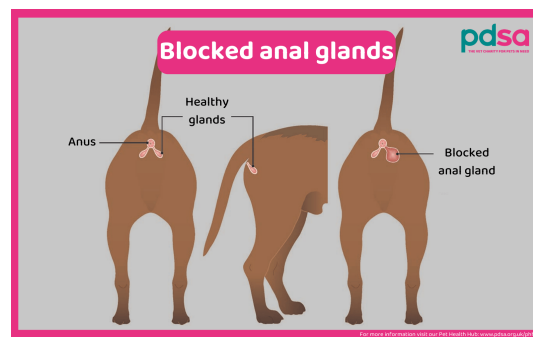
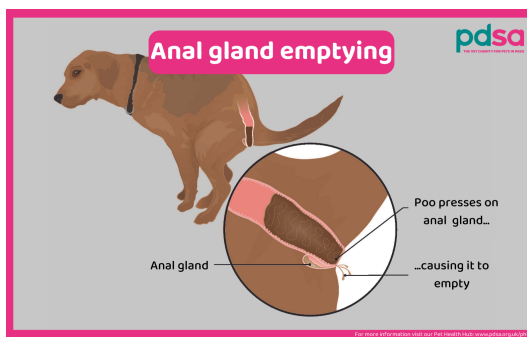




Anal Glands

Anal Glands are two small structures that are positioned under the skin, one on each side of the anus. The purpose of these glands is to produce a foul-smelling brown fishy-smelling discharge that gets squeezed out every time your dog or cat strains to poop. We think it's a marking mechanism, perhaps a way dogs and cats identify themselves to each other.

Each anal gland has a tiny little duct that empties it at the anal opening. These ducts can become obstructed, leaving the gland unable to empty itself, causing the pet discomfort. Your dog or cat may then plant her butt on the ground and "scoot" across the floor in an attempt to relieve the obstruction.



Most groomers express anal glands externally by applying pressure to the each gland by squeezing the glands from the outside. This procedure does not always work externally and will need to be done internally by your veterinarian.

I DO NOT DO INTERNAL EXPRESSIONS. In my experience, the breeds who are hardest to express externally without help holding are breeds with stubby tails (corgis, aussies, bulldogs, etc), overweight dogs, breeds who have low hanging tails (golden retrievers, border collies, etc) and dogs who do not tolerate their back ends being messed with. I will not stress myself or a dog to express glands when I have no help with holding

Ears

Ears will be checked, cleaned and plucked if needed/able

- If your dog has signs of an ear infection, the effected ear WILL NOT be cleaned or plucked and you will be notified at pickup. Cleaning and/or plucking an infected ear can cause more issues.
- I work alone. If I am unable to clean or pluck your dogs ears safely, you will be notified and I recommend seeing your veterinarian for treatment

Nails

I use a battery powered file to do the majority of my trims. Not all dogs will tolerate the file so their nails will have to be clipped with nail clippers. I will make every attempt to get nails as short as possible without hitting the quick.

It is best to introduce your dog to nail trimming as soon as possible. To maintain short nails that are as close to the quick as possible, keep your dog on a regular schedule usually every 4-6 weeks. If your dog is not able to wear their nails naturally by going on walks or by running on rough surfaces, their quicks will grow out and take time to recede.

The amount I am able to trim off of a dogs nails varies from dog to dog, breed to breed, and the dogs activity level. If I am unable to safely trim your dogs nails, you will be notified and recommended to see a veterinarian

