

Smell Your Dog!

As funny as that may sound, smelling your dog is a good way to detect health issues. If your dog's breath is so bad it almost knocks you over, it is probably time to take your pup in for a dental. Bad breath can be caused by bacteria, yeast or other fungus and is an indicator of dental, respiratory or digestive problems. But don't stop smelling at the mouth. Put your nose to your dog's ears. If you detect a bad odor there it might mean your pooch has a build up of yeast or a bacterial infection, especially if your dog has been shaking its head or scratching its ears. While I don't have any problems sniffing the front end of my dog, I draw the line when it comes to the other end. If you notice other dogs spending more time than normal smelling your dogs rear, check for a colored possibly sticky discharge from the penis or vulva. This would be an indicator of an infection and a trip to the vet is in order.