

Is Pepé Le Pew living in your neighborhood?

If you live in an area that is frequented by your own local Pepé Le Pew, you might want to keep this recipe for homemade skunk shampoo handy. More often than not, dogs can't refuse chasing or at least getting a close up on the neighborhood skunk. No doubt, they come to the back door smelling quite pungent. In the old days, soaking the dog in tomato juice was the way to rid the dog of the caustic odor. Today just three common household ingredients will do the trick.

1 Qt. Hydrogen Peroxide
¼ Cup Liquid Dish Soap
3 Tablespoons of Baking Soda

Directions

Mix all the: hydrogen peroxide, liquid dish soap and baking soda together.

Apply this mixture to the dog or cat's coat and work it into a lather.

Massage the solution into the pet's coat for ten full minutes. Be careful not to get the solution into your pet's eyes. Rinse the solution thoroughly from the dog's or cat's fur using running water. If the odor is still strong, repeat.

Important! Do not store any leftover solution, as it is not stable, once mixed.

Although there is some evidence that the components of tomato juice will cause some of the skunk spray compounds to breakdown making it easier to remove, generally speaking it just masks the sulfur-based skunk odor. Hence, tomato juice really isn't an effective treatment. Nevertheless, if you would like to try this old time remedy, it's okay because tomato juice will not harm your pet. Also don't forget to check your pet's eyes; skunk spray can cause severe eye irritation, in this case consult your veterinarian.



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