

Chronic Loose Stools

Bostons are a breed that are known for 'Irritable Bowel Syndrome' (IBS). It is not always known what causes irritable bowel syndrome, but some of the suspected factors are thought to be related to diet intolerance, dietary fiber deficiency, and/or stress. It is associated with chronic inflammation and discomfort of an animal's bowels. When things irritate the lining of your pet's intestine, they cause food to move through it faster. With time, this irritation causes the lining to thicken and become inflamed.

Symptoms: Persistent loose stools, straining and diarrhea leading to accidents in the house. Sometimes there is blood as well as mucus.

Cases that go untreated will lead to weight loss, vomiting, gurgling tummies, etc.

Diagnosis: It is recommended to start with bloodwork and a fecal to ensure organs are functioning properly, no worms or bacterial infection. If all tests are negative our recommendation is a diet change to address the symptoms as IBS.

Treatment: MABTR feeds our IBS dog with Science Diet Light small bites DRY. We remove all table food and dog treats. We also add Metronidazole 250mg twice a day for two weeks (this is a pill you need to get from your vet). If is truly IBS you should see improvement in the stools within five days. If this is the cure then this is the diet your dog will need to be on for the rest of his life. Pepcid AC also helps calm down the stomach with such trauma