Illness in dogs reported near Venice Canals

JULY 2025



Public Health is investigating reports of a sudden, unexplained illness affecting multiple dogs in the **Venice Canals area**, first reported to Public Health on **July 28, 2025**. Some dogs have become severely ill or died. **The cause is currently unknown**.

We know this is alarming for pet owners and are working closely with veterinarians and the local community to gather information. Updates will be shared as soon as they are available.

🔅 Pet Owners: Protect Your Pets

Take the following precautions when walking your dog near the Venice Canals:

- Closely supervise pets when outdoors and keep your pet leashed on walks
- Prevent pets from sniffing, licking, or eating grass or unknown objects
- Do not allow pets to swim in or drink from the canals
- Avoid shared water bowls and do not leave pet food outdoors
- Wipe or wash your pet's paws after being outside
- Call your vet right away if your pet shows unusual symptoms. Reported symptoms have included vomiting, lethargy, sudden weakness, collapse, and seizures.

Veterinarians

Report suspected cases to the Veterinary Public Health Program

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