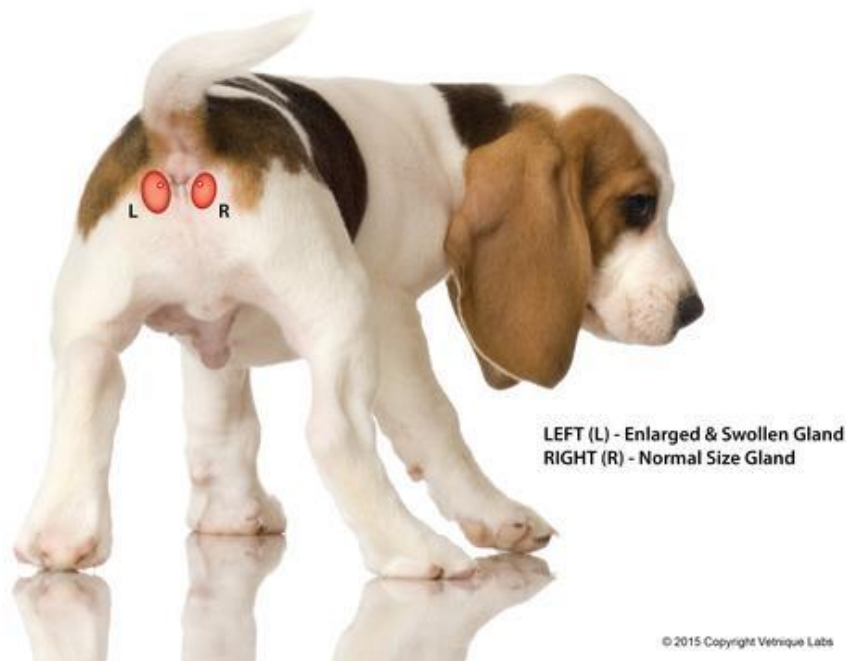


Quick Facts About Anal Glands in Dogs & Cats

Here are some quick facts about anal glands in dogs and cats:

- All dogs and cats have anal glands (also called anal sacs)
- All breeds of dogs can have anal gland problems but it is more common in smaller breeds than larger breeds
- The two anal glands are located internally and cannot be seen
- The anal glands normally empty naturally during defecation
- The purpose of the anal glands is to secrete a scent marking liquid that dogs use to identify each other
- The most common symptoms of anal gland problems are scooting, swelling/redness, licking, leaking of foul-smelling fluid, or straining to defecate
- Impacted anal glands can lead to infection, abscess, and rupture
- Frequent expressing of the anal glands can lead to further irritation

Size & Location of the Anal Glands in Dogs



This is for informational purposes only and is not intended as medical advice or to replace proper medical attention. If your dog is experiencing anal gland problems or any other health issues you should seek a medical exam from your veterinarian.