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Will Club Soda Remove Food Stains?

Does club soda really work on removing food stains?

Some people believe club soda is the ultimate remedy for instant stain removal. But is this true?

An in-depth study by Drycleaning & Laundry Institute (we are a member of this leading trade association), on the merits of club soda versus plain cold water in food stain removal. After all, club soda is merely water that has been carbonated using CO2 with minerals added.

DLI's conclusion says the short answer is "yes," club soda can be a big help in the short term, but "no" it is not the end-all, be-all stain removal miracle it has been made out to be.

On the 10 common food spills that DLI's stain removal experts tested, they found that after blotting a spill with either club soda or water, some or most visible traces of the substance were removed. However, an analysis under ultraviolet light showed that at least a portion of nearly every stain remained after club soda or water was used.

While it is a good idea to blot the food stain with water or club soda immediately after contact with the clothing, your work

doesn't stop there. Get that stained garment to a stain removal professional (that would be us!) to completely remove the last traces. Point out to the cleaner the area of the stain, the type of stain, and what attempts you made to reduce the initial spillage.

For Best Results, Act Fast

When it comes time to remove the food stain, the chances are greatly increased if club soda (or water) is used to blot and rinse the stain before it dries. After it dries the degree of effectiveness drops considerably.

In a coffee stain, for example, there may be sugar residue present that you may not be able to see, but it can caramelize during the drying or pressing processes, leaving a yellowish stain. Stain removal experts can remove this residue if they know the stain was there in the first place. We ask our clients to mention any spills or attempts to remove stains at the counter. This way we will be better prepared to restore your garment to a like-new appearance.

There are also some stains that club soda makes worse. Ballpoint ink is almost always made up of water and solvent

components. If water or club soda is used to remove this kind of stain, it could set the stain permanently into the fabric. So, with ballpoint stains, it is best to leave them to the professional stain removers.

Club soda or water will hold the stain off until you can get the garment to a cleaner. We can usually remove the stains completely if you bring it in without delay.

Keep in mind that the stains tested were from food. Stains from other sources, like makeup, can be more complex than food and applying club soda or water may not be the right solution, depending on the stain and the fabric.

We can't remove every stain, but if anyone can do it, Champion Cleaners can – if we have all the information about the stain and any home treatment.

Any comments? Email me at
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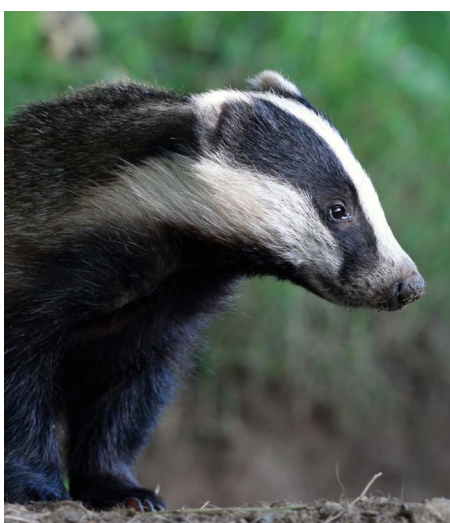


“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

ANIMAL NAMES THAT ARE ALSO VERBS!!

Courtesy of Merriam~Webster

BADGER



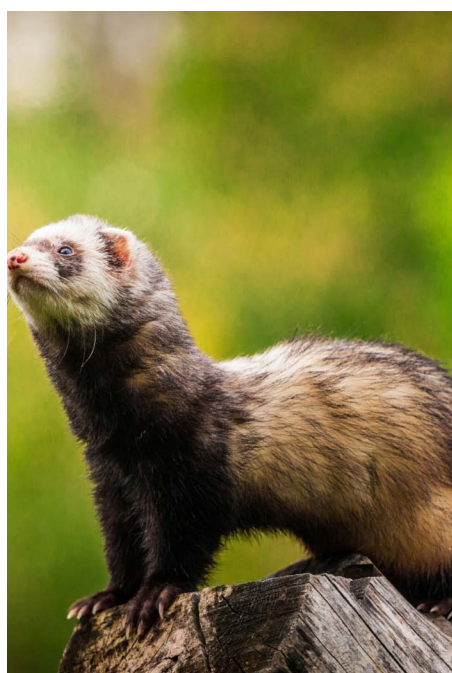
The badger is a burrowing mammal of the weasel family. It's also the nickname for a resident of Wisconsin. As a verb, to badger means to harass or annoy someone persistently.

Fulminating about the canonical importance of Greedo not shooting first has metastasized into badgering fledgling stars off the internet for having the temerity to be female.

— **Chris Baker**, *Wired*, 18 Sept. 2018

While some animal names get used as verbs because the action is similar to something an animal does, that's not the case with a badger. More likely, it comes from the sport of baiting badgers, usually with dogs. (Appropriately, the verbs dog and hound can also mean “to harass or annoy.”)

FERRET



Ferret is the name for the small domesticated animal descended from the European polecat. While now kept as pets, they were previously used to flush out rabbits and other game animals or vermin that had burrowed underground.

That's how ferret came to be used as a verb (often followed by out) to mean “to find and bring to light by searching”:

She is a tenacious investigator, ferreting out stories from the wispiest hints — a rumor or a mysterious photograph.

— **Parul Sehgal**,
The New York Times, 3 Oct. 2018

SNIPE

A snipe is a slender-billed bird of the sandpiper family, though the term has applied to any of several game birds living in marshy areas. Just as a hunter hides in the reeds to hunt snipe, the verb to snipe means to shoot at someone from a concealed location or from far away.

From the world of military surplus, my friend Russell Thornberry had rescued a clunky contraption originally used to pinpoint targets for artillerymen. Russell had concluded that if you could use it to deliver a payload in combat, you could use it to aid in long-range rifle sniping of whitetails in eastern Alberta.

— **Gordon Whittington**,
North American Whitetail, 19 Sept. 2018

Like many other verbs of assault, snipe can also mean to criticize someone unfairly, in this case often in a way that can't be easily defended.

The campaigns of New Mexico's gubernatorial candidates sniped at each other in dueling television advertisements released Friday, but the candidates themselves largely played nice at an Albuquerque forum, trading no barbs and even expressing some agreement on social issues like diversity and representation in government in what amounted to more of a civil conversation than debate.

— **Tripp Stelnicki**,
The Santa Fe New Mexican, 16 Sept. 2018

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Thanksgiving trivia quick facts — the speed round!

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.
- The heaviest turkey on record, according to the Guinness Book of Records, weighs 86 pounds.
- Californians consume the most turkey in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day!
- Female turkeys (called hens) do not gobble. Only male turkeys gobble.



- The average turkey for Thanksgiving weighs 15 pounds.
- Campbell's soup created green bean casserole for an annual cookbook 50 years ago. It now sells \$20 million worth of cream of mushroom soup.

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- Wash Dry & Fold
- Alterations

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Thanksgiving Jokes

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road twice?

A: To prove he wasn't a chicken!

Q: Why did the police arrest the turkey?

A: They suspected fowl play.

Q: Why shouldn't you look at the turkey dressing?

A: Because it will make him blush.

Q: What would you get if you crossed a turkey with a ghost?

A: A poultrygeist!

Q: What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

Q: What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children?

A: If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his grave



Time To Do This...

- ☒ Plant garlic cloves and shallots
- ☒ Start planning for Thanksgiving
- ☒ Clean your garbage disposal
- ☒ Clean Sink Faucet Aerators
- ☒ Lubricate Door Locks
- ☒ Get ready for black Friday
- ☒ Polish the silver and dust off the china

