

Useful Information

Phone numbers:

Veterinarian: _____

Emergency Vet Service:

ASPCA National Animal Poison Control- (888) 426-4435

(\$50.00 charge may be applied to your credit card)

Medical History:

Rabies Vacc. ___/___/___ ___/___/___
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Important Medical Conditions:

Useful Resources:

Pet First Aid Classes-Contact your Local Red Cross Chapter for more information

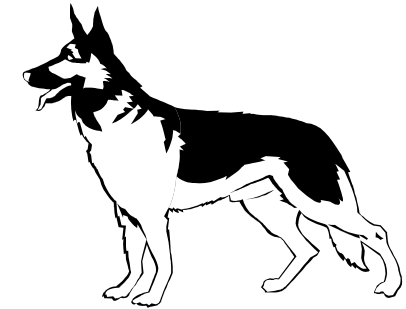
Pet First Aid

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First Aid for Pets



Don't Panic

Assess the Situation

Be safe

Approach your Pet Carefully

**(Injured and frightened animals
may bite or scratch)**

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COMMON EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Wound Management:

- * Apply direct pressure to stop bleeding
- * Clip hair around wound site
- * Clean wound with clean water, antibacterial soap
- * Cover with clean, dry bandage
- * Seek veterinary care if it is a deep puncture wound, a bite wound, larger than a quarter or if bleeding is uncontrolled

Torn toenail:

- Apply styptic to stop bleeding
- In absence of styptic– push nail into bar of soap or apply flour or cornstarch
- Apply pressure for 5 minutes
- If bleeding is uncontrolled– seek veterinary care

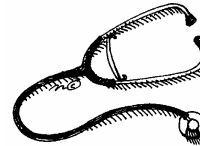
Poisoning:

- ◆ Collect the material involved and the product container
- ◆ Estimate how much your pet may have been exposed to
- ◆ Call Veterinarian or Poison Control
- ◆ If instructed to, induce vomiting (can use hydrogen peroxide– your vet or poison control will tell you the dosage)

Fracture:

- * Keep the animal as still as possible
- * If bone is protruding, wash gently and cover loosely with a bandage
- * If unable to immobilize animal– splint area including the joints above and below
- * Seek veterinary care

Normal Values



- **Temperature:**
100-102.5 F
- **Respiration: 10-30 times/minute** (small dogs and cats tend to be more rapid)
- **Heart Rate (beats per minute):** varies with size and age
Dogs: 70-150
Cats: 90– 200
- **Mucous Membranes:** should be **pink and moist** with a capillary refill time less than 1 second

First Aid Kit

Digital rectal thermometer
K-Y or petroleum jelly
Sterile gauze pads
Gauze bandage rolls
Roll bandage that stretches and clings
Bandage tape
Scissors
3% hydrogen peroxide
Tweezers
Diphenhydramine (Benadryl-ask vet for dosage)
Topical antibiotic ointment
Antiseptic
Oral dosing syringe
Sterile saline or eyewash
Styptic powder
Latex gloves
Ziploc bag
Muzzle
Leash

