

# PET FIRST AID TIPS



## See a veterinarian if your dog:

- 🐾 isn't breathing or having difficulty breathing
- 🐾 is unresponsive/ having difficulty moving or has collapsed
- 🐾 may have broken bones
- 🐾 is having a seizure
- 🐾 has eaten something toxic

## In an emergency:

- 🐾 Call your vet and let them know that you are on your way
- 🐾 Stay calm and always remember a dog that is injured or in pain can lash out
- 🐾 Don't give your dog any food or water unless instructed by your vet

## CPR

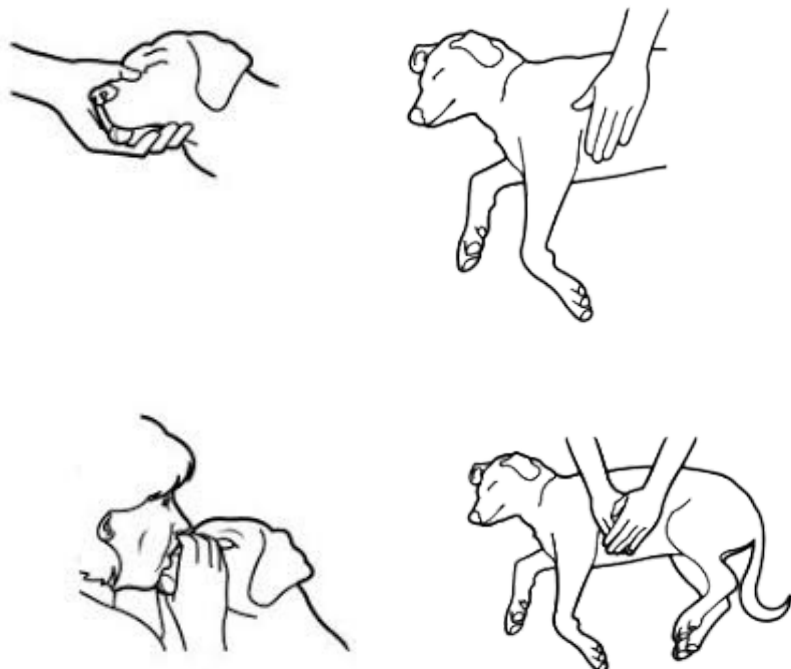
We highly recommend all pet owners take a first aid course to learn the safest way to perform CPR

Do not attempted CPR on a conscious dog. Follow the ABC order:

**Airway**- Lay your pet on their side and open the air way by extending the head and neck.

**Breathing**- Hold your pets mouth shut and use your mouth to blow through your pets nose to ensure their chest rises.

**Circulation**- If no pulse or heart beat can be found, alternate between chest compressions and breathing. 3-5 chest compressions per breath.

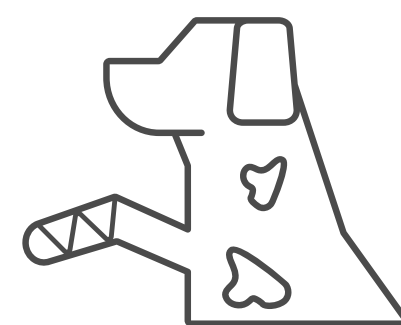


## SNAKE BITE

Signs your dog may have been bitten by a snake: sudden weakness to walk, paralysis, loss of bladder or bowel control, blood in urine, dilated pupils, salivation, drooling, vomiting, respiratory distress or shaking of the limbs.

### What to do if your pet has been bitten

- Remain calm and do not panic, this will help minimise your pets distress
- Do not attempt to catch or kill the snake, just take note of the colour and patterns
- Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage. Do not use a tourniquet
- Try to keep your pet as still as possible, movement aids the venom in spreading throughout the lymphatic system
- Carry your pet to the car and take them straight to your local vet clinic



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**Always seek veterinary help if you suspect an emergency**

## POISON

- If poisoning is suspected contact your local veterinarian or Australian Animal Poisons Hotline 1300 869 738
- Common poisons: chocolate, grapes and sultanas, rat/ mouse bait, onions, alcohol, xylitol, macadamia nuts, avocado, lilies, asparagus fern, lantana and philodendrons

## WOUNDS

- Place pressure on wound with gauze
- If dirt and debris in wound flash with saline or clean water
- Contact vet ASAP for severe bleeding or deep wounds

## SEIZURES

- Ensure the area surrounding your pet is clear to prevent any injury
- Place a hand on your dog but do NOT restrain them
- Once seizure has stopped contact your veterinarian
- If seizure lasts up to 5 minutes with repeated episodes transported your pet to your local emergency veterinarian ASAP

## CHOKING

- Hold the upper jaw open with one hand and check for any foreign objects
- If you are unable to see the foreign object use the heel of your hand to delivery 5 sharp blows between the shoulder blades

## Resources

Australian Animal Poison Hotline



Dog First Aid Australia



Australian Red Cross- first aid for dogs and cats

