

First-aid tips

Protect your furry friend



FIRST AID

Watch for heat-related illness

- Signs: frantic panting, excessive drooling, vomiting or diarrhea, temperature above 104 degrees F.
- Quickly move pet to shade or cool environment; provide cool, fresh drinking water; apply cloth-covered ice packs to abdomen and between hind legs; wrap a cold, wet towel around pet's neck.
- Carry a thermometer to monitor pet's temperature in emergencies.
- Never leave a pet in the car on hot days.
- Signs of more severe heat illness: unwillingness to move or unconsciousness; gums lose color or appear blue. These symptoms call for immediate veterinary attention.

Rattlesnakes are a summertime risk

- Stay on trails; keep dog on short leash.
- Avoid rocky terrain, dense brush, and places with tall grass.
- If pet is bitten, limit activity and seek immediate veterinary care.

Treating cuts and lacerations

- Press clean, thick gauze over wound and apply pressure.
- Control bleeding using a non-stick bandage or gauze and adhesive tape.
- Seek veterinary care.
- Avoid hydrogen peroxide or triple antibiotic ointment until the wound is evaluated by a veterinarian.

Fractures should be treated immediately

- Lay pet on a flat surface for support during transportation.
- Avoid pressure on the injured area.
- Attempting to set the fracture with a homemade splint may do more harm than good.
- Stay alert: Pet might bite when in pain.

Monitor pet for signs of illness, including:

- Lack of appetite | Persistent coughing | Dilated pupils
- Lethargy or weakness | Blue or pale gums | Restlessness and panting | Unproductive retching | Abnormal heart rate
- Increased thirst or urination

ANY PET FIRST AID PERFORMED SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY IMMEDIATE VETERINARY CARE.

COMMON TOXINS

- Grapes and raisins
- Macadamia nuts
- Xylitol products:
Gum, toothpaste, gummy vitamins, candies, baked goods
- Onions and garlic
- Chocolate products
- Salty foods and products:
Ham, pretzels, homemade Play-Doh
- Coffee products
- Antifreeze
- Drugs:
Marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, prescription medications
- Human NSAIDs:
Advil (ibuprofen), Tylenol (acetaminophen), Aspirin, Aleve (naproxen).
- Rat and mouse bait, gopher bait, and snail bait
- Obstruction risks:
Batteries, pennies, small toys, socks

ONCE INGESTED, SEEK IMMEDIATE VETERINARY CARE.

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