

Seek veterinary attention right away if you notice changes in your pet's health or behavior, or if your pet shows any of the following signs.

- ▶ **Abnormal heart rate**
- ▶ **Collapse**
- ▶ **Severe or chronic coughing**
- ▶ **Difficulty breathing**
- ▶ **Asymmetrical pupils**
- ▶ **Lethargy/weakness for more than 24 hours**
- ▶ **Pain**
- ▶ **Pale gums**
- ▶ **Restlessness and panting**
- ▶ **Dry heaving**
- ▶ **Excessive vomiting or vomiting for more than 24 hours**
- ▶ **Muscle tremors or seizures**

This list is not all-inclusive. Contact your veterinarian if you notice anything out of the ordinary with your pet.

First responder basics

Stay calm so you can assess the situation, communicate clearly with your veterinarian and stabilize your pet until you reach a veterinary hospital.

- **Put safety first:** Make sure it's safe to enter the area before rushing to aid an injured pet.
- **Check the ABCDs—Airway, Breathing, Circulation, Disability:** Clear your pet's airway, check for breathing and heartbeat and assess the level of injury.
- **Administer first aid:** Control bleeding, flush burns, immobilize broken limbs, etc

- **Get to a veterinary hospital ASAP:** Program into your cell the numbers for your veterinarian, nearest emergency hospital and Pet Poison Helpline (**855-289-0358**). Call the veterinary hospital to alert them that you're on the way.



855-289-0358

Available 24/7

Please be advised that a one-time, per-incident consultation fee applies.



First aid kit essentials

Keep these items in a waterproof container, stored in an accessible location.

- Veterinarian's phone number
- Emergency veterinary hospital phone number
- Pet Poison Helpline phone number (855-289-0358)
- Gauze roll and pads
- Medical tape
- Ruler or other rigid object for splinting
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Thermometer and sterile lubricant
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Rubber or latex exam gloves
- Towel or blanket
- Muzzle
- Elizabethan collar (aka "e-collar" or "cone")
- Triple antibiotic ointment
- Eye wash/flush solution with no cleaners or soaps