

## Handling an injured pet

Restrain injured pets with care—even the friendliest ones can bite or scratch when in pain.

## Homemade dog muzzle

You can gently restrain an injured dog using a homemade muzzle.

1. Find a bandage, necktie, length of rag or other piece of long, narrow fabric.
2. Make a loop with the fabric and tie a loose knot at the top of the loop.
3. Loosely encircle the dog's muzzle with the loop until you're safely able to tie the ends under the dog's muzzle.
4. Pull ends from under the chin and tie securely behind the ears.
5. Take your dog in for care, and let your veterinarian safely remove the muzzle.

Never muzzle a dog who is unconscious, has difficulty breathing, is vomiting or has a mouth injury.

**Never muzzle a cat.** Instead, use an e-collar, then bundle in a towel and place in a cat carrier.

## Transporting an injured pet

Create a makeshift stretcher by sliding a flat, rigid surface (such as a board or plastic children's sled) under the injured pet. Keep the pet's back and neck as immobilized as possible, and gently restrain using towels or straps.

If you can't make a stretcher, use a towel or blanket to create a hammock. Pull the corners taut to keep the pet as flat as possible.



## Be prepared

- Program your phone with numbers for:
  - Your veterinarian
  - 24-hr emergency veterinarian
  - Pet Poison Helpline (855-289-0358)
- Save a note in your phone with your pet's weight and current medications
- Sign up for Nationwide pet insurance coverage



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