

# CANINE FIRST AID

WHAT IS NORMAL?		IN CASE OF EMERGENCY	
Temperature	100° to 102.5°	Be Prepared	Have Emergency numbers handy, along with a notepad to jot down symptoms as they occur
Pulse	50 to 130 beats/min	Be Safe	A dog in pain may try to bite, do not add to the problem by getting injured! A muzzle may be needed when handling an injured dog
Respiration	10 - 30 breaths/min (Heat/ pain /excitement can increase rates)	Let A Vet Treat Your Pet	Providing First Aid means you are doing what you can to keep your dog comfortable as you get professional help

## A QUICK GUIDE TO CANINE EMERGENCIES

DOG FIGHTS	Do not try to pull the dogs apart! Take care not to be bitten ~ a spray of water can sometimes help separate the dogs or try shoving a barrier between them
INJURY to EARS	Smaller cuts (usually from dogfights) ~ thoroughly clean & disinfect wound, apply topical antibiotic and bandage/tape area. With bassets you may need to secure the bandage by taping the ear over the dogs head
INJURY to EYES	Minor irritation, clear discharge and swelling of haw (3 <sup>rd</sup> eyelid) ~ apply eye ointment or drops to both eyes. For injury or foreign body, flush with water or eye wash solution. If bandaging is necessary, cover <b>BOTH</b> eyes
BLEEDING	Apply direct pressure to wound, bandage and elevate. Do Not use a tourniquet. If necessary, apply pressure to nearby artery and add bandages as needed
FRACTURES	If at all possible put dog in a crate. If necessary, rolled up towels, blankets or even newspapers can be used to immobilize fractured extremities
IMPALED OBJECTS	Do Not remove object! Bandage bulky dressing around object to keep in place while transporting to vet hospital. Duct tape can be used if surgical tape is not available. Plastic bags or sheeting can be used over a bubbling chest wound. An inverted cup can be used over an eye
POISONING	If at all possible bring a sample of any suspected poison with you to the vet hospital
Induce Vomiting	If <b>Non-Corrosive Substances</b> like Antifreeze, Rat Poison, Human Prescription Medications, etc have been ingested ~ <b>Pour 1 to 5 cc of hydrogen peroxide in dog's mouth-</b> vomiting will occur in minutes. Try to save the vomit for the vet to inspect
DO NOT Induce Vomiting	If dog has ingested a <b>Corrosive Substance</b> such as Bleach, Lysol or other Bathroom/ Household Cleaner, Batteries, Kerosene etc. Flush mouth with water
Contact With Corrosive Material	Wash skin with profuse quantities of water, cover with clean bandage or sterile gauze pad. Flush mouth with water if dog licked or consumed a corrosive substance
CONVULSIONS	If poison causes hyper excitement or convulsions, try merely to protect your dog from injuring himself (or you) as you transport him to the vet
INGESTED OBJECTS / Intestinal Blockage	If you observe dog ingesting a large object, induce vomiting as described above. To stop vomiting after the object has been expelled, pour clear water into dog's mouth
HEAT STROKE	Cool immediately with cool or tepid (not ice cold) water. If ice packs are available wrap them in wet cloth and apply under the front legs, inguinal region and/or neck. Keep him out of the sun and use a fan to blow air over the dog as he cools
BURNS	Do not apply ointment (or anything else) to any burn unless directed by a vet
Superficial Burns	That cover <b>less than 20% of body</b> , flush with tepid (not cold) water and cover with a moist bandage or sterile gauze pad
Extensive / Severe Burns	Do not flush with water as this may put the dog into shock. Soak a clean towel with clear, cool water and apply to affected area. Keep the cloth well soaked as you transport to the vet
BLOAT	Often occurs suddenly and can be fatal. See reverse side of this page ~