



# PET FIRST AID TIPS



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## WOUND CARE



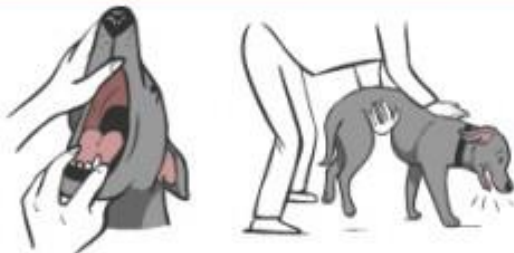
- Place pressure with gauze or a clean cloth to stop bleeding.
- If there is debris, flush the wound with saline or clean water.
- For deep wounds, or severe bleeding, keep pressure until you can get your pet to a veterinarian.

## SEIZURES



- The most important thing to do is to protect your pet from self-injury.
- **DO NOT** place your fingers or any object in your pet's mouth.
- Clear the area around your pet to help prevent injury during the seizure.
- Do **NOT** attempt to restrain your pet, but you can place a hand on their body.
- When the seizure has stopped, contact your veterinarian for further instructions.
- If the seizure does not stop within 3 to 5 minutes or if your pet comes out of the seizure and goes into another one within an hour, transport the dog immediately to the veterinarian.

## CHOKING



- If choking, hold the upper jaw open with one hand, and look for a foreign object.
- Unless you can clearly see and grasp the obstruction, do not put your fingers into your dog's mouth or throat.
- Lift smaller dogs' legs into the air so gravity can help dislodge the obstruction.
- If you can't remove the foreign object, using the heel of your hand, deliver 4-5 sharp blows on the dog between the shoulder blades.

## POISON



- If you suspect poisoning, seek care immediately.
- If you cannot get to the vet immediately, are waiting for a ride, or are stranded, you can call either of these 24-hour emergency hotlines:

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center  
**1-888-4-ANI-HELP** or **1-888-426-4435**  
National Animal Poison Control Center  
**1-800-548-2423**