

Quick Guide to PET FIRST AID

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Dealing with Animal Emergencies

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The Quick Guide to Pet First Aid (4 x 6”)

The Quick Guide to Pet First Aid is a comprehensive quick reference guide that deals with common emergency situations for cats and dogs. Perfect as a promotional piece for pet clinics, pet suppliers or animal hospitals.

The booklet was developed in consultation with a variety of animal emergency care specialists and follows national standards of care.

Emergency Approach

- Check safety**, it is of no benefit to the animal if you are hurt trying to help them.
- Remain calm.**
- Get help**, it is safer for you to have another person to assist with restraining the animal.
- Assess condition** and prioritize what needs attention.
- Check responsiveness**, is the animal responding to voice and touch? If no response, check breathing and pulse as in artificial respiration and CPR. If responding, check for other injuries and treat for shock.
- Stabilize** animal and transport to a veterinary hospital.

Remember to restrain injured animals prior to administering first aid.

Transportation

Restraint

Due to pain, injured or ill animals can be unpredictable.

- Dogs should have a muzzle or mouth tie restraint applied before first aid is attempted unless vomiting or bleeding from the mouth.
- Cats should be wrapped in a towel to prevent them lashing out with their claws.

Transportation

- If possible, transport animals in a cage.
- Small muzzled dogs or cats can be transported wrapped in a towel.
- Support the back when transporting.
- Keep an injured leg up.
- Keep an injured chest down to allow for lung freedom.

NOTE: Unnecessary movement of an injured animal will increase pain and may cause further injury.

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