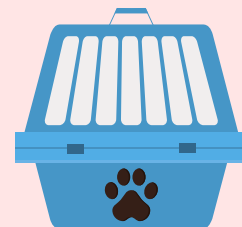


# CAT FIRST AID & EMERGENCY TIPS



5 things to remember in an emergency:



**Be safe**



**No human medication**



**Be calm**



**Be aggression-aware**



**Contact a vet**

## POISONING SYMPTOMS

Vomiting, lethargy, weakness, depression, seizures - other symptoms depend on the item, toxicity level, how much consumed/absorbed, and timing

**First Aid Tips:** Call a vet, note time of exposure, keep the packaging. Wipe lily pollen off fur with a dry cloth and prevent the cat from licking fur.

## HEATSTROKE SYMPTOMS

Excessive panting, drooling, agitation, bright red tongue, very red/pale gums, increased heart rate, distressed breathing.

**First Aid Tips:** Remove cat from the heat source immediately, wet fur (never cover) with tepid water, call a vet.

## BEE & WASP STING SYMPTOMS

Excessive licking, swelling, redness, breathing difficulties if stung on face or mouth, possible adverse reaction.

**First Aid Tips:** Call a vet for advice, can try to remove sting with credit card (scrape under venom sack) if cat lets you. Never pull straight out.

## DEHYDRATION SYMPTOMS

Listlessness, refusal to eat, panting, sunken eyes and dry, tacky gums.

**First Aid Tips:** Arrange a vet checkup asap, offer your cat wet food and milk/water.

### Dehydration Test:

Pull up a pinch of skin around shoulders: -

Hydrated skin pings back into place straight away.

Dehydrated skin returns more slowly.

Dangerously dehydrated skin stays in a tent shape when you let go.

## ACCIDENT & TRAUMA SYMPTOMS

Potential for blood loss, broken/dislocated bones, crushing and internal injuries.

**First Aid Tips:** Gently place the cat in a blanket, take extra care of damaged limbs, stop blood flow with pressure/bandaging, take to a vet right away.

If you're concerned about your cat's health or a sudden change in their behaviour, always contact your vet.

