



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.

