



First Aid Tips For Dog Adventures



Make your dog's adventures safer by understanding how to recognise conditions that require first aid and immediate veterinary care.

Cut / Graze

Look for broken glass or foreign bodies, call a vet before removing.

First Aid Tips: Clean wound with hibiscrub/hydrogel, bandage, ask vet advice.



Snake Bite

Look for sudden collapse/weakness, trembling, muscle twitching, vomiting.

First Aid Tips: Cold water on swelling, call a vet immediately, carry your dog.



Closed Wound / Crushing Injury

Look for bleeding, swelling, painful when touched, be careful of broken bones.

First Aid Tips: Ice pack, call a vet, possible x-ray.



Eye Conditions

Look for red, sore, itchy or swollen eyes, eyelids closed or eyeball protruding.

First Aid Tips: Always contact a vet before administering any kind of first aid.



Open Wound & Blood Loss

Look for blood spurting bright red (artery), flowing dark red (vein), or oozing blood loss (capillary).

First Aid Tips: Pressure on wound, don't remove objects, can cause shock, call a vet immediately.



Burns & Scalds

Look for redness, pain when touched, blistering.

First aid tips: Cool hot injury with cold water, call a vet, don't touch chemical or cold burns without veterinary advice.



Heatstroke

Look for heavier panting, whining, abnormally coloured tongue.

First Aid Tips: Remove from heat, wet coat (never cover) with tepid water, provide drink, call a vet.



Poison / Toxic Food or Plant

Look for vomiting, lethargy, weakness, seizures.

First Aid Tips: Call a vet, note time, keep packaging, don't make the dog sick unless told to by vet.



Bee or Wasp Sting

Look for excessive licking, swelling, redness.

First Aid Tips: Ice pack, scrape sting/venom sack away (don't pull/squeeze), call a vet if swollen, breathing issues, collapse.



Gastric Dilatation Volvulus

Look for bloated abdomen, distress, discomfort, restlessness.

First Aid Tips: Call a vet immediately, don't turn the dog without advice.



If you're concerned about your dog's health or a sudden change in their behaviour, always contact our Veterinary team for advice.