








CAT FIRST AID & EMERGENCY TIPS



5 things to remember in an emergency:

-  **Be safe**
-  **Be aggression-aware**
-  **Be calm**
-  **No human medication**
-  **Contact a vet**

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 immediately.

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.

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, prevent the cat from licking fur.

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 + BURNS

Potential for blood loss, broken/dislocated bones, crushing and internal injuries. Burns from hot pavements & tarmac.

First Aid Tips: Gently place the cat in a blanket, take extra care of damaged limbs, stop blood flow with pressure/ bandaging. Or wrap burn in damp cloth & pour water on. Call a vet right away.

Concerned about your cat's health or a sudden change in behaviour? Call your vet.

