



Emergency Care

Would you know what to do if your dog becomes seriously sick or injured? Below are some quick tips.

From the American Red Cross:

- Always approach a sick or injured animal slowly and cautiously.
- Watch the body expressions and sounds your pet makes to warn you. Even your own pet can be aggressive when in pain or frightened.
- Do not make quick, jerky, or loud movements. They might further scare your pet.
- When necessary, use towels or blankets to subdue cats or small dogs.
- Keep the phone number and address of your veterinarian in a convenient location.
- Have the phone number and address of an after-hours veterinary clinic on hand and keep directions to that clinic in the same place. Whenever possible, call ahead to let them know you'll be coming.

The Red Cross also offers classes in Pet First Aid. Check with your local chapter for information. The absolute best way to prepare for an emergency is prevention. Pay close attention to what is normal for your pet so you will know when something is wrong.