



ANIMAL ACADEMY

PET FIRST AID

INTRODUCTION

This course will enable you to learn the essential skills and knowledge required to confidently and successfully administer first aid to an animal

Foreword

The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966



The first important action is “Don’t Panic!”

First Aid is the critical first action carried out when an animal suffers an incident.

By law, anyone can perform first aid to an animal provided it is:

- *To preserve life*
- *To prevent suffering*
- *To prevent the deterioration of the animals' condition*



- ▣ There are five steps that you should bear in mind when dealing with an emergency situation;
 - *Keep calm and assess*
 - *Airway*
 - *Breathing*
 - *Circulation*
 - *Contact your veterinary surgeon*

You need to triage the injuries or illness to know what to do and in what order

Life threatening – these need immediate action by the person performing first aid care and the animal must be seen by a veterinary surgeon as soon as possible.

Minor emergencies – the animal needs immediate attention but its life is not in immediate danger.

Life Threatening

Immediate Attention

Severe haemorrhage

Conscious collapse

Severe burns

Dyspnoea

Poisoning

Fractures and dislocations

Unconsciousness

Gaping wounds

Prolapsed eye

Dystocia (difficulty during birth)

Road Traffic Accident (RTA)

Convulsions

Gastric Dilation Volvulus (GDV)

Less severe haemorrhage



Approaching the patient

Always remember that an animal in pain is likely to be aggressive!

Even if you know the animal to be normally calm and friendly, if they are in pain..... shocked..... nervous or fearful they can react VERY differently!

A calm and quiet approach is recommended.



Initial Assessment

Is it safe to approach?

Is the animal conscious?

Is the patient breathing?

Can you detect a pulse?

Is the breathing laboured?

Is the breathing shallow?



Is the animal bleeding?

How many bleeding sites are there?

What type of bleeding is present?

What type of wound is presented?

What colour are the mucous membranes?

Is the animal mobile?

Restraining/moving your patient

Consider what equipment you have that could be used to help restrain/move the animal:



Towel
Blanket

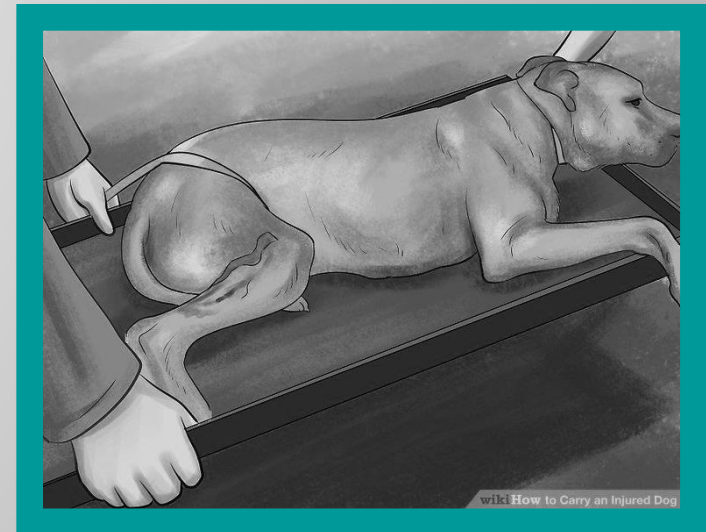
Box

Lead

Muzzle

Coat/Sticks

Parcel Shelf



Emergency Muzzle

Using a muzzle is often a prudent safety measure!



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

**VIDEO
DEMONSTRATION -
How to apply an
emergency muzzle to a
dog**



Congratulations!

Well done for getting to the end of Chapter 1.
Now there is a short summary quiz to complete,
before moving on to the next...

