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**Pet
Emergencies &
Preparations**

Disclaimer:

The information in this presentation is meant for educational and prevention purposes and not meant as medical advice. Consult your veterinarian in all cases of emergencies and follow their instructions explicitly.



What qualifies as an EMERGENCY?

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Common Pet Emergencies

- Poison
- Mobility
- Trauma
- Shock
- Natural Disasters
- Lost or Found

Poison

- Human Medications
 - Blood Pressure Pills, Heart Medication, Opiates & Pain Medications NSAIDs, TYLENOL!!
- Plants
 - Sago Palms, Castor Beans, Azalea, Poinsettia, Lilies, BUFO TOADS (not a plant but scary!)
- Household Chemicals
 - Cleansers, Bleach, Rat Poison, Anti-Freeze, Weed Killer, Fertilizer, Paint Thinner
- Human Food
 - Coffee, Chocolate, Sugar-Free Foods with artificial sweeteners with Xylitol, Grapes & Raisins, Garlic, Onions, Mushrooms, Macadamia Nuts & AVOCADOS!



Signs & Symptoms

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Drooling
- Depression
- Lethargy
- Agitation
- Unresponsiveness
- Seizures
- Nosebleeds
- Bleeding Gums
- Black or Bloody Stools



Signs & Symptoms may vary!

Prepare & Prevent

- Be Prepared
 - Keep all medications and chemicals out of reach of pets.
- Get HELP!
 - Call for help IMMEDIATELY and take your pet to the nearest animal clinic or hospital
 - Take a DEEP breath
 - Gather important information



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**If you Suspect
your pet ingested
something toxic..**

**Call Poison Control &
take your pet to the
closest ER.**

ASPCA Poison Control

(888) 426-4435

or

Pet Poison Helpline

(800) 213-6680

Mobility Issues

- Joint Injury
- Bone Fractures or Breaks
- Soft Tissue Injury
- Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus
- Hemoabdomen
- Neurologic Abnormalities

• Signs of Paralysis •



Refusing to get up, or inability to move their legs



Walking with front legs and dragging rear legs



Difficulty moving around



Pain in the neck, spine, or legs



Inability to control urination or bowel movements



Constipation

• Tetraplegia •

Unable to move all four legs



• Paraplegia •

Unable to move the rear legs



• Paresis •

Partial paralysis, able to move, but not easily



If your pet is shows any signs of immobility..

- Call your Primary Veterinarian or closest ER
- Remain calm
- Get help stabilizing your pet and transporting to the vehicle

- ★ Animal ER at University Parkway:
(941) 355-7707
 - ★ Levine Veterinary Neurology:
(941) 351-1678
 - ★ Veterinary Surgery Center of Sarasota:
(941) 893-1500
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Trauma

- **Blunt Force Trauma** —when an object or force strikes the body
 - Concussions
 - Falls, running into objects
 - Broken Bones
 - Hit by Cars
- **Penetrating Trauma** —when an object pierces the skin or body.
 - Bite Wounds
 - Lacerations
 - Burns



Accidents Happen: Prepare for the Worst Case Scenario

Prevention

- SPAY AND NEUTER !!
- Common Triggers: Food & Toys
- Always leash your pet
- Introduce slowly
- Walk on the other side of the road
- Pick up sharp objects in yards
- Make sure fencing is intact
- Check the asphalt prior to walks. Sand burns too!
- Don't leave your pet unattended



Response

- Do NOT break up a fight using your own body!!
- Never kick an animal
- If you see an unattended animal attempt to contain & call local Animal Services
- ALWAYS seek veterinary attention!
- DO NOT apply ointment.
- Have a First Aid Kit at home and in your car.

Trauma needs to be treated immediately..

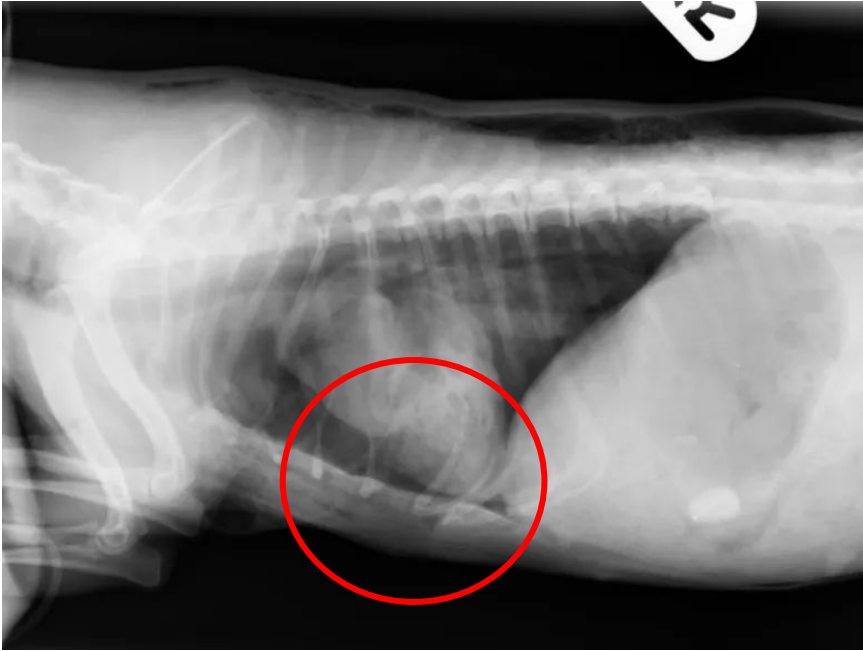
- Even if it seems minor, always have your pet evaluated by a veterinarian.
- 'Monitoring' at home can lead to complications in your pet's treatment or make it worse.





Not too bad, right?

Would you say this is a little worse? (X-Ray Image only)



Shock

- **Cardiogenic Shock:**
Due to heart problems
- **Hypovolemic Shock:**
Caused by too little blood volume
- **Anaphylactic Shock:**
Caused by allergic reaction
- **Septic Shock:**
Due to infections



Shocked!

Minutes mean EVERYTHING!

If you believe that a pet is in shock call your Primary Veterinarian or Animal ER

Checking Vitals is extremely important when identifying shock!

- Looking at the gums- are they pale, blue, gray?
 - Feeling for a pulse- is the heart rate super low or extremely high?
 - Breathing- This can vary- is the breathing shallow and rapid or slowed and deeper?
 - Response- Is the pet able to be aroused, same as a person?
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Natural Disasters

Hurricanes, Floods, Fires, & Tornadoes, Oh my!

Things to Know: Hurricanes, Floods, Tornadoes

- Since 1851, the top three states for hurricane landfalls are Florida, Texas, and Louisiana. Season: August through October
- No region is safe from flooding. All 50 states are subject to flash floods
- Find out who the jurisdiction is, mostly always animal services
- Best way to get involved is having a plan
- Know your evacuation level <https://ags3.scgov.net/knowyourlevel/>

NEVER SELF DEPLOY! Communicate with your team!

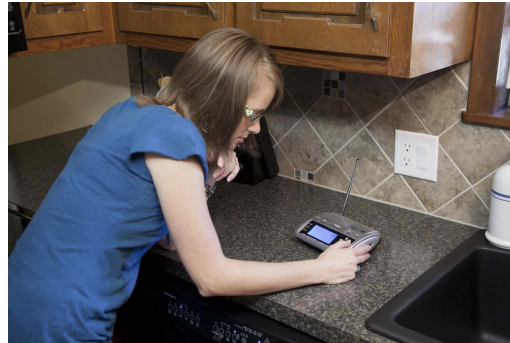
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1. Prepare

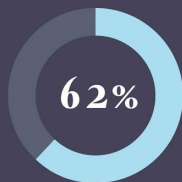
2. Plan

3. Stay Informed

4. Respond



TRUE COMPANIONS THROUGH THICK AND THIN



62%

of Americans have pets.



90%

consider their pets
members of their family.



It's no surprise that pets are a major factor when deciding what to do during a crisis – and those decisions can put personal safety at risk.



When Hurricane Katrina hit, **44%** of the people who chose to ride out the storm did so because they could not evacuate with their animals.



Yet, more than **1 in 3** owners still don't know what to do in an emergency.

NO ANIMAL LEFT BEHIND

Follow these steps to keep your pets safe before the unexpected happens.

Make sure pets wear collars and I.D. tags with up-to-date contact information, and have your pet microchipped.



72% of dog owners and **76%** of cat owners say their animals are not microchipped.

Put alert stickers on your home windows so that rescue personnel know you have a pet in the home.



Keep current photos of your pets on hand in case an animal goes missing.

Learn nearby exit routes and the locations of local shelters, pet friendly hotels, and friends who can serve as designated caregivers.



Emergency Response & Rescue

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- Land/water navigation
 - Compromised structure
 - Confined space
 - Floodwater
 - Accessing homes
 - Protective clothing
 - Protective Equipment
 - Fear Aggression
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Lost & Found Pets- Manatee County

If you have lost your pet OR found a lost pet, act quickly! The first 24 hours can make all the difference in finding your pet or pet's owner.

1. Call **Manatee County Animal Services** to report details at (941) 742-5933.
2. Contact area shelters to file a report with them:
 - **Humane Society of Manatee County** at (941) 747-8808 ext. 314
 - **Bishop SPCA** at (941) 792-2863
 - **Honor Animal Rescue** at (941) 306-5863
3. Contact **Lost Pet Services, Inc.** at (941) 330-3339. This 501(c)(3) nonprofit is dedicated to reuniting lost pets with their families in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.



Lost & Found Pets- Sarasota County

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1. Call **Sarasota County Animal Services** to report details at (941) 861-9500.
2. Contact area shelters to file a report with them:
 - **Humane Society of Sarasota County** at (941) 955-4131
 - **Suncoast Humane Society** at (941) 474-7884
 - **Honor Animal Rescue** at (941) 306-5863
2. Contact **Lost Pet Services, Inc.** at (941) 330-3339. This 501(c)(3) nonprofit is dedicated to reuniting lost pets with their families in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.



Lost & Found Pets: Social Media

Lost and Found pets of Sarasota & Manatee County - Facebook Page

Lost Pet Services, Inc. - Facebook Page

Lost and Found Pets 941 (Lost Pet Services) -Facebook Group

Sarasota Lost & Found Pets - Facebook Group

941 Lost and Found Charlotte/ Sarasota/ Manatee/Desoto Counties Animals - Facebook Group

Emergency pet rehoming & Emergency Situations Manatee Sarasota County - Facebook Group

Assessment: Normal Vital Signs

Small & Medium-Sized Dogs:

Pulse: 70-140 beats per minute

Respiratory rate: 15-30 breaths per minute

Temperature: 99.5-102.5° F

Larger Dogs:

Pulse: 50-120 beats per minute

Respiratory rate: 15-30 breaths per minute

Temperature: 99.5-102.5° F

Cats:

Pulse: 160-200 beats per minute

Respiratory rate: 15-30 breaths per minute

Temperature: 99.5-102.5° F



Mucus Membrane Colors



Normal



Pale

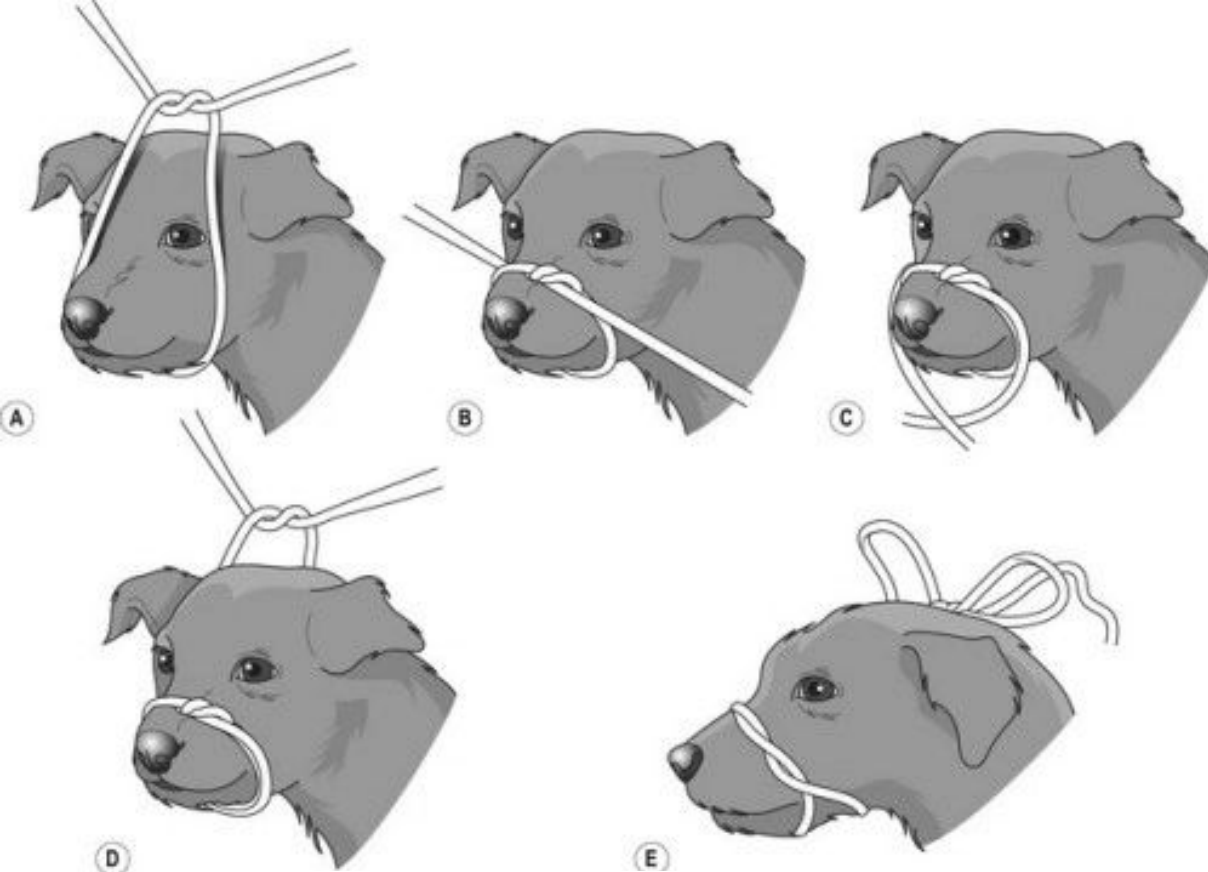


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Making a Muzzle



- A. Make a loop using a gauze roll, thin leash, or any other piece of wide cloth. (Do NOT use thin items such as string or shoelaces)
- B. Place loop over animal's snout.
- C. Tie loop under the snout.
- D. Tie the strips behind the ears (not around the neck).

Remember that *any animal that is injured or in pain may bite or scratch*. Injured animals must be approached carefully, and you should first take precautions for your own safety.

Essential Items To Have In Your Dog's First-Aid Kit

- Absorbent gauze pads
- Adhesive tape
- Cotton balls or swabs
- Disposable gloves
- Scissors with blunt end
- Tweezers
- Oral syringe or turkey baster
- Liquid dishwashing detergent (for bathing)
- Towels
- Alcohol wipes
- Styptic powder
- Saline eye solution
- Artificial tear gel
- Phone number, clinic name, address of your veterinarian as well as local veterinary emergency clinics.
- Slip Leads



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Thank You!



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