

Recognizing an Emergency in Dogs : Who and When to Call

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Can you recognize when there is an emergency with your dog? signs that require immediate veterinary emergency center or 24-hour veterinary hospital.

And if your dog had an emergency situation, would you know who and when to call?

What if you find an injured animal?

Who do you call?

Always be observant. Make sure your dog is eating, drinking, urinating and defecating normally.

When to Worry

If you're a typical pet owner, you have probably faced this quandary: Your beloved companion may be ill, but you don't know whether you're overreacting or whether you should bring her in to a veterinarian. And she can't tell you if something is bothering her, or how serious it is.

The simplest way to determine if it is an emergency is if you are concerned, contact a veterinarian. The veterinary assistants and veterinarian can help you determine if an emergency visit is necessary or prudent.

Performing a brief at-home physical exam may also help you. If you see any abnormalities, consult your veterinarian. For mild symptoms, scheduling an examination may be enough. But you should be aware of the

These include:

- Seizures
- Difficulty breathing
- Non-responsive or comatose
- Uncontrollable bleeding
- Extreme pain
- Continued vomiting, especially with blood
- If your pet was struck by a car or some other vehicle
- Ingesting poisonous material or improper medication
- Bloody stools
- Collapse

You should have your veterinarian's phone number and address handy in case of an emergency, along with his/her pager. You should also have the phone number, address and directions to the nearest veterinary emergency clinic.

If you cannot contact your veterinarian or he cannot help you, consult a local veterinary emergency clinic. If all else fails, look in your telephone book and try to find a veterinarian that is available to help.

Who Should I Call?

If you notice an injured animal, try to contact your veterinarian for instruction and assistance.

If your veterinarian is not available, try to contact a local

Some local humane societies or animal shelters have ambulatory services if you are unable to transport the animal for care.

Animal control officers have equipment and supplies to help transport an injured animal.

Police officers can sometimes be helpful if the injured animal is posing a risk to people (such as affecting traffic flow).

If there is a tag on the injured animal, contact the owner to inform them of what has occurred and where the animal is being taken.

For wild animals, contact an area wildlife rescue or rehabilitation center or conservation department.



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Waggin Tails



"Abby", who will be six years old in September, is the smartest dog we've ever had, and we love her dearly. Her full name is "Amazing Abby of Coppersmith's Penny." Coppersmith Penny is her Mom's name. The first photo is of Abby on our boat "fishing." However, in this picture she is in the captain's chair ready to drive the boat. She loves the boat, loves to play with fish that we catch. She has also been dove and pheasant hunting, but has not participated in any upland trials.



The top photo is of her on "watch" in Mathews County, Virginia. She had just come up from the marsh where she was retrieving a ball. I think she was trying to find a squirrel to chase.

- Brenda Hogge of VA



Our pup "Bandit" we got from you 10 yrs ago is now a full grown Master Eater and Sleeper. He weighs in at 53 pounds but that's because I don't have the time to hunt him a lot. He has gone from a hunting stud to "Best Friend" for our 8 yr old son Joey. He is not as fast and agile as he use to be but he still gets it done.

- Michael Krzysiak of MI



Lowcountry's Lucky Number 7 Lemme at 'em AKA "Lem" at 5 months old training in the Savannah River.



I have had a love affair with "Cooper" for two years (see attachments). On Easter weekend my dream came true. I finally was able to adopt him and call him mine. His former owner was not sure of his breed. But we now know he is a Boykin. He is the love of my life!!!! Although we do not hunt... we love to roam and hike in the north GA. Mountains on weekends. He is the most loving and loyal companion and has changed my life!!! It is such a wonderful breed. I am hungry to read and learn more about this intelligent and very loving breed. Many thanks again for this fabulous newsletter and for all your hard work!

- Melanie Serra of GA

