

PET FIRST AID MONTH



Hiya guys,

Can you believe we are a third the way through the year this month?!

April is Pet First Aid month...how many of you would know what to do if your pooch was choking, bleeding etc?

April is also Pooper Scooper, National Hug your Dog day and Tag your Pet month to name a few more.

I have decided to make this newsletter about Pet First Aid to help you know what to do in an emergency

It's crucial to act fast when your pet needs your help so knowing what to do is a must for any pet owner! Below are a few things to consider as a pet owner;

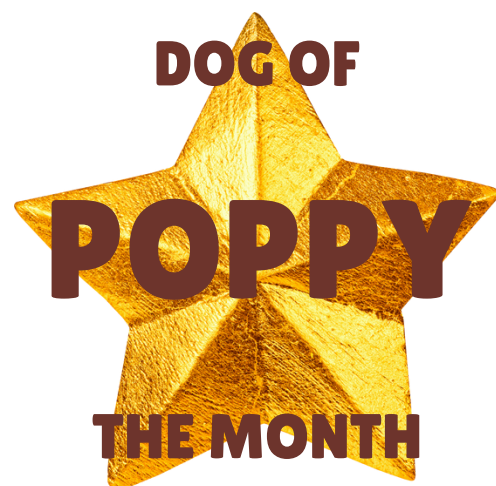
- *Have your vet's number stored in your phone*
- *Act fast*
- *Be aware of subtle changes in your dogs behaviour*
- *STAY CALM!*

Read on for further details in what to do in an emergency.

Enjoy this month's edition 🍷🐾

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Poppy needed a home when her previous owner passed away. We decided we could give her, her next loving home.



When she first came to us at 16 months old and her first few days were tricky she wouldn't eat or drink. We tried various foods. However we were then told she only eats ceaser dog food and drinks Evian water 🤔 the little princess knew what she liked. Eventually though she ended up with good old tap water.



Poppy is a toy poodle
age 10 1/2.



Poppy can jump like a Kangaroo as we say, for a small dog she certainly has some bounce.

She once tried to jump the dog fence, which resulted in her catching and ripping her tail which resulted in her tail being amputated. Nevertheless she still jumps like a kangaroo. (the dog fence was removed and destroyed)

She has a toy dog that now has one paw that is slightly scruffier than the rest due to her sucking on it like a dummy. She has other toys but this is the one she came with and doesn't part from it..



She loves her tummy rubbed and likes to snuggle close and when your fast asleep she likes to get under the covers to keep warm



She has a little/big brother Hugo and as she would sing in true Disney style "we don't talk about Hugo, no , no!" She loves to hate him 🤔😂

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- Be aware of subtle changes in your dogs behaviour
- Have your vet's number stored in your phone
- Act fast and most importantly STAY CALM!
- Immediately call your vet while you;
 - Assess for bleeding, swelling, injury etc
- Assess breathing and heart rate - do this by placing your hand on your pets chest to feel for heartbeat and watch the chest for breathing movements

Your vet will talk you through any intervention you would need to do BUT knowing what to do is better than nothing!

Broken bones

- Reassure your pet and keep them as still as possible
- If bone is visible - place a clean cloth over it
- Do NOT bandage yourself - too tight can cause further issues, not tight enough can cause it to fall off!
- Do NOT give your pet any painkillers (either human or animal)
- Call your vet immediately



Burns and Scolds



- Cool area immediately with cold running water - do NOT use ice or iced water!
- Ensure pet doesn't get cold - place blanket around pet avoiding burn area!
- Use cold wet cloth for temporary relief
- Avoid putting creams/ointments onto the burn - they may not be suitable for the type of burn/scold your pet has
- Call your vet immediately

Wound Care - bleeding

- Apply pressure with clean cloth
- If blood soaks through, ADD more layers, do NOT remove cloths/pressure!
- Do NOT bandage yourself - too tight can cause further issues, not tight enough can cause it to fall off!
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Poisoning and Toxins

- If you believe your pet has ingested a poison or toxin it's important to act FAST
- Remove your pet from the area and collect, collect if possible, any evidence of the substance for example; Name, strength or dosage, amount ingested and time of ingestion
- Call your vet immediately



Traffic Accident



- If your pet has been involved in a traffic accident it's important to remember your own safety!
- Remove your pet from the area to a safe secure place away from the road
- Assess your pet for shock, respiratory distress and bleeding
- Prevent your dog from moving around to avoid further injury
- Apply pressure to any bleeding area using a clean cloth
- Keep your pet warm with a blanket or towel
- Call your vet immediately

Choking or Airway blockage

- STAY CALM!
- Open your pets mouth to see if you can see the obstruction
- If you can gently remove the item without causing damage do so
- If it is lodged further down - Call your vet immediately!



CPR should only be attempted by those trained to do so!

If your pet is not breathing and has no heartbeat call your vet immediately for advice or if you have another person with you, get your pet to the closest vet whilst phoning ahead so they can prepare for your visit!

If you would be interested in taking a dog first aid course that covers CPR please register your interest via email!

If I have enough interest I will organise and run this event in the future!