

When your dog or cat needs a vet **now**

Go straight to your vet or an emergency clinic if you see any of these signs. Don't wait to see if it gets better.

1 It is struggling to breathe or gasping, or its gums or tongue look blue, grey or white.

2 It has collapsed, can't stand up, or doesn't respond when you call it.

3 It has a seizure that lasts more than five minutes, or two or more seizures in one day.

4 It is bleeding heavily, or the bleeding hasn't stopped within five minutes.

5 **DOGS**
Its belly is swollen and it keeps trying to vomit, but nothing comes up. This can be bloat, which is most common in large, deep-chested dogs.

6 **CATS**
A male cat is straining in the litter box and passing little or no urine. A blocked cat can die within a day or two.

7 It may have eaten something poisonous, such as antifreeze, rat poison, chocolate or sugar-free gum with xylitol.

8 It is overheated, with heavy panting, drooling, weakness, vomiting or confusion, especially on a hot day.

9 It has hurt an eye.

10 It was hit by a car or fell from a height, even if it seems fine. Injuries inside the body can take hours to show.

11 It is in obvious, severe pain.

12 It can't pass urine or stool, or it cries out when it tries.

Poison helplines, open 24 hours

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center:
(888) 426-4435. A consultation fee may apply.

Pet Poison Helpline: **(855) 764-7661**. The fee is \$89 per case, and follow-up calls are included.

Write these down now

Your vet _____

Phone _____

Nearest 24-hour clinic _____

Phone and address _____

On the way: call the clinic so they can be ready when you arrive. If your pet is overheated, put towels soaked in room-temperature water on its neck, armpits and groin, and don't put it in ice-cold water. A hurt or frightened pet may bite, even a gentle one, so keep your face away from its mouth.