

# Pet First Aid Tips



Do you know what to do in case of a pet emergency? Here are some common first aid tips & symptoms to look out for, provided by the American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross also has a great **pet first aid mobile app** with a wealth of information for owners to provide life-saving care until veterinary assistance is available.

Download the app at the **Apple App Store** or **Google Play Store** for **Android**.



1. To determine **dehydration**, pull up the skin between the shoulder blades - the skin should return to normal. If it stays tented, your pet may be dehydrated.

2. **Signs of poisoning** - external or internal bleeding, dilated pupils, drooling/foaming at the mouth, vomiting, listlessness, seizures, or other abnormal mental behavior.

3. **Signs of heat stroke** - collapse, bloody diarrhea or vomiting, increased heart rate, increased salivation, excessive panting, body temp 104° F or greater.

4. **Wound Care** - apply direct pressure using **gauze** or a clean cloth over the bleeding site. **Flush wound** with water or saline to remove any debris. For deep wounds, keep pressure on site until you get to the vet.