CPR FOR DOGS

Emergency Action Steps For No Breathing or Pulse

CPR is necessary if your dog is not breathing or has no pulse. Possible causes include: choking; unconsciousness from drowning or shock; poisoning; allergic reaction.

1. LAY SIDEWAYS
   Lay your dog on his or her side and remove any obstructions in the airway: Open mouth, pull tongue forward, extend neck and sweep mouth with finger. Remove any foreign objects.

2. CLEAR AIRWAY
   If the airway is clear: Extend neck, hold tongue out of mouth and close animal’s jaws over tongue.

3. BREATHS
   Holding jaws closed, breath into both nostrils for 5 to 6 breaths: If no response, continue artificial respiration (below). If there is no pulse, begin cardiac compressions.
   - UNDER 5 LBS.: 30+ Breaths/Min
   - 5-10 LBS.: 30+ Breaths/Min
   - 11-60 LBS.: 16-20 Breaths/Min
   - OVER 60 LBS.: 12 Breaths/Min

4. COMPRESSIONS
   Depress the widest part of the chest wall: 1.5 to 3 inches with one or two hands. See compressions per minutes (below) for weight specific info.
   - UNDER 5 LBS.: Cardiac Massage
     - 120-140X/Min
   - 5-10 LBS.: 80-100X/Min
   - 11-60 LBS.: 60X/Min
   - OVER 60 LBS.: 60X/Min

5. CONTINUE
   Continue artificial respiration: Refer to breaths per minute (below) for weight specific info.
   - UNDER 5 LBS.: 30+ Breaths/Min
   - 5-10 LBS.: 30+ Breaths/Min
   - 11-60 LBS.: 16-20 Breaths/Min
   - OVER 60 LBS.: 12 Breaths/Min

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CALL YOUR VETERINARIAN! Call us immediately (312-421-2275) when you are able, so we can assist you with next steps. Should you need assistance after hours, please call a 24-hour clinic: PREMIER VETERINARY GROUP OF CHICAGO (773-516-5800) located at 3927 W. Belmont Avenue, or MEDVET (773-281-7110) located at 3123 N. Clybourn Avenue.