



Outdoor Emergency Guide for Dogs & Cats

Wildlife encounters and outdoor injuries can happen quickly. This guide covers common emergencies that may happen while hiking, camping, traveling, fishing, or living outdoors with pets.

Skunk Spray

Flush eyes gently if irritated. Prevent rubbing and wash using pet-safe de-skunking methods. Seek help if eyes or breathing are affected.

Porcupine Quills

Do not cut quills. Keep your pet calm and seek veterinary removal as soon as possible.

Bee & Wasp Stings

Watch for facial swelling, hives, vomiting, or breathing trouble. Severe swelling is an emergency.

Spider Bites

Some bites can cause pain, swelling, vomiting, weakness, or tissue damage. Monitor closely.

Snake Bites

Keep movement minimal and seek emergency veterinary care immediately. Do not cut or suck the wound.

Scorpion Stings

Scorpion stings can cause pain, swelling, drooling, shaking, abnormal eye movement, or breathing trouble. Severe symptoms require emergency care.

Venomous Fish & Marine Injuries

Catfish, stingrays, lionfish, stonefish, and other venomous fish can cause painful punctures, swelling, tissue damage, or severe reactions. Flush wounds with clean water, control bleeding, and seek veterinary care immediately if severe pain, swelling, weakness, or collapse occurs.

Ticks

Ticks can spread disease. Remove carefully with tweezers close to the skin and monitor for fever, swelling, limping, or lethargy.

Foxtails & Grass Awns

Foxtails can become lodged in paws, ears, nose, eyes, or skin. Watch for sneezing, swelling, limping, or excessive licking.

Broken Bones

Limit movement immediately. Carry pets carefully and avoid forcing injured limbs straight.

Cuts & Bleeding

Apply pressure with clean cloth or gauze. Severe bleeding requires emergency care.

Wildlife Attacks

Bites from coyotes, raccoons, dogs, or wildlife may cause hidden puncture wounds and infection. Seek veterinary evaluation.

Heatstroke

Heavy panting, collapse, vomiting, drooling, or weakness are emergencies. Cool gradually and seek help immediately.

Cold Exposure

Watch for shivering, weakness, pale gums, or slowing down. Warm slowly and remove wet items.

Eye Injuries

Squinting, discharge, pawing, or cloudiness should always be treated seriously.

Toxic Plants & Mushrooms

Vomiting, drooling, tremors, or collapse after eating unknown plants or mushrooms requires emergency care.

Recommended Emergency Supplies

Water, gauze, non-stick bandages, tweezers, muzzle, leash, flashlight, saline rinse, emergency blanket, styptic powder, and emergency veterinary phone numbers.

When in doubt, seek veterinary care. Fast action can save your pet's life.

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