



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.

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LAY SIDWAYS



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.

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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

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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

5-10 LBS.
120-140X/Min

11-60 LBS.
80-100X/Min

OVER 60 LBS.
60X/Min

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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.

