

3 TIPS FOR PET EMERGENCIES



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As your neighborhood animal healthcare provider, *Campus Veterinary Clinic* can offer a wide range of services on-site. We're a flexible, multi-faceted organization that does its best to accommodate the needs of our patients. Sometimes, though, an emergency arises and the needs of your pet can outweigh the services our facility can provide. Here are a few tips to help navigate you through the turbulent waves of a pet emergency. First of all:

Keep Calm. Staying composed during situations of duress is important not just for your own emotional well-being, but for the sake of your animal, too. Animals read and feed off our own emotions. Providing comfort, support, and most importantly, confidence & stability can help to counterbalance the discomfort your pet may be feeling. In addition, keeping calm helps you articulate the information needed when speaking with our medical staff. A clear head is essential in communication; it is often the difference between success &

failure which leads us to our second tip:

Call Ahead. Because the work flow of *Campus Veterinary Clinic* varies day-by-day, hour-by-hour, we ask that our clients call ahead before rushing in with an emergency situation. This brief conversation can save time (not to mention the life of your pet) by allowing us to calmly receive and gather information from you that will allow us to assess the issue and determine if our staff has the resources available to help mend your pet. In some situations, *Campus Veterinary Clinic* will decide that there are other local facilities that will be better suited for your emergency. Since the health of your pet is paramount, after you call us and are directed to other emergency services, *Campus Veterinary Clinic* can make a courtesy call to the emergency clinic and forward copies of your pet's medical records so that the care provider can take a comprehensive look at your pet's history.

Last on our list of tips:

Know the Basics. Typical symptoms for an emergency visit often include (but are not limited to) the following: difficulty breathing, non-stop bleeding, a swollen abdomen, major trauma (like having been hit by car), collapse, loss of consciousness, ingestion of poison, prolonged vomiting or diarrhea, staggering, stumbling, limping, or an inability to bare weight on a limb — each can indicate a serious prognosis.

An astute pet owner is aware of changes in his or her pet's demeanor. These changes should be noted and conveyed to our staff. Often times, though, after the **Call Ahead** step is completed, *Campus Veterinary Clinic* can determine that your situation is in fact, not a life-threatening emergency. For those situations we can schedule an upcoming appointment with a veterinarian of your choice and refer you to more accessible options in keeping your pet comfortable in the mean time. Check out the rest of this month's issue for ways to prepare for real life pet emergencies.

Pet Disaster Preparedness Checklist



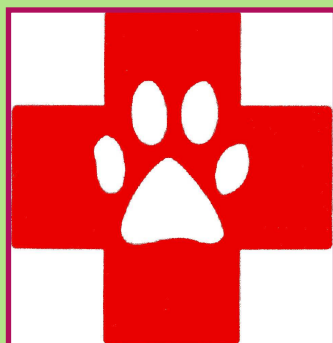
Everyone should have an emergency preparedness plan. The probability of you and your family surviving a natural disaster depends on having a well-defined plan in place. If you have an emergency plan in order, you increase your survival chances immensely. If your family includes pets or animals, a pet disaster plan is crucial too.

With a good plan, the right preparation, and a little practice you will be ready for the unexpected, no matter where and when disaster strikes. Preparing for the unexpected makes sense, so get ready today!

- ☐ Make sure your pets' ID tags are current and that their microchips are registered with current info.
- ☐ Medications and copies of medical records (including immunization history) should be stored in waterproof containers.
- ☐ A pet first aid kit. (See below for suggested contents)
- ☐ Food, drinking water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and a manual can opener for 3 days, but ideally 1-2 weeks.
- ☐ Current photos of you with your pet in case they get lost. Since many pets look alike, this will help to eliminate mistaken identity and confusion.
- ☐ Sturdy leashes, harness and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that they don't escape.
- ☐ Pet rescue window decals can alert first responders to the fact that an animal resides in your home. Available at Campus Veterinary Clinic.
- ☐ Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavioral problems and the names and numbers of your veterinarians in case you have to foster or board your pets.
- ☐ Uncertainty and change in the environment affects animals by presenting new stresses and dangers. Your pet's behavior may change after a crisis, becoming more aggressive or self-protective. Be sensitive to these changes and keep more room between them, other animals, children or strangers. Comfort your pet with kind words and lots of pats or hugs. If possible, provide a safe and quiet environment, even if it is not their own home.

Fido's First Aid Kit

- ☐ Absorbent gauze pads
- ☐ Adhesive tape
- ☐ Antiseptic wipes, lotion, powder or spray
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Cotton balls and gauze
- ☐ Extra Leash
- ☐ Ice pack
- ☐ Disposable gloves
- ☐ Petroleum jelly (to lubricate the thermometer)
- ☐ Rectal thermometer (your pet's temp. should not rise above 103°F or fall below 100°F)
- ☐ Scissors (with blunt ends)
- ☐ Sterile non-stick gauze pads for bandages
- ☐ Sterile saline solution
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ A pillowcase to confine your cat for treatment
- ☐ A pet carrier
- ☐ Kwik Stop Styptic Powder



Important Pet Care Numbers

Clip out this list and keep it in the event of an emergency

National Animal Poison Control Center – (888) 426-4435.

City of Berkeley Animal Care Services – (510) 981-6600

Oakland Animal Services – (510) 535-5602

PETS Emergency Services – (510) 548-6684

HomeAgain (Microchip) – (888) 466-3242

Campus Veterinary Clinic – (510) 549-1252

Peanut Butter, Honey & Oat Pup Treats

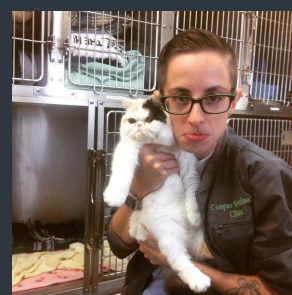
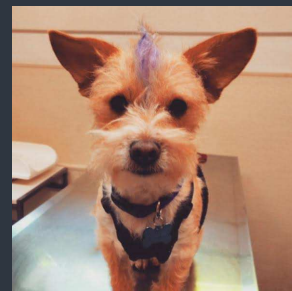
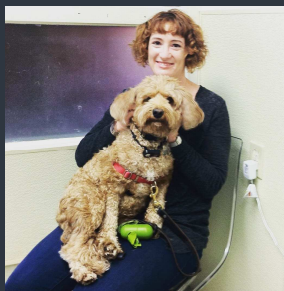
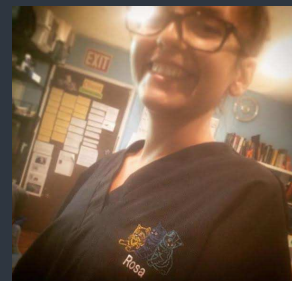
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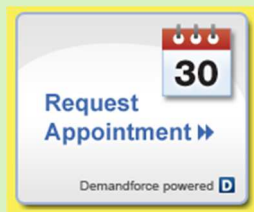
- Preheat oven to 350 °F
 - Warm the peanut butter in a microwave for 1 minute, until it's soft enough to mix with the other ingredients.
 - Grind 2 cups of the quick oats in a food processor or blender until a coarse flour.
 - In a large bowl, thoroughly mix together all the ingredients.
 - Drop the dough onto a breadboard sprinkled with flour or more ground quick oats. Work the dough on the board until you can make a ball. Roll out the dough to about ¼ inch thick.
 - Use a 3-inch dog bone shaped cookie cutter to cut the dough into shapes.
 - Place the cookies on greased cookie sheets. (The dough is soft and crumbly, so transfer the cut-out shapes gently)
 - Bake for about 10 minutes or until the bottoms of the cookies are golden brown
 - Remove from the oven, let cool and store in an airtight container.
- **Makes 50 3 inch-long dog bone-shaped cookies*



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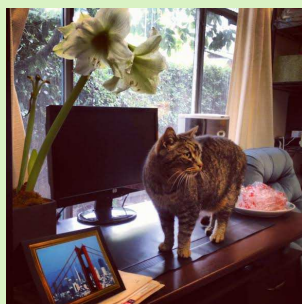
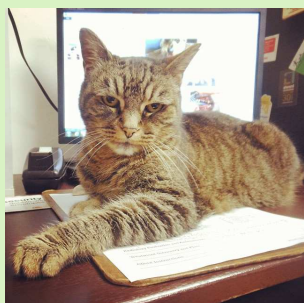


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an emergency plan
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