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# The First Aid Companion For Dogs & Cats (Prevention Pets)



## Synopsis

Is there an animal doctor in the house? Most likely, the answer is no. And when an accident or other emergency threatens your pet, every minute counts. Don't be unprepared! Open *The First-Aid Companion for Dogs and Cats* by Amy D. Shojai and learn:<sup>\*</sup> Basic first-aid techniques, such as cleaning a wound, making a splint, and performing CPR-- step-by-step!<sup>\*</sup> Which over-the-counter human medications can help-- or harm-- your dog or cat<sup>\*</sup> What to keep in your pet's medicine chest (many essential items are probably in your house already!)\* How to quickly pinpoint what's wrong with your pet, using the First-Aid Symptom FinderPlus, you'll discover a comprehensive A-to-Z guide to more than 150 common-- and not-so-common-- injuries and conditions, including:<sup>\*</sup> Abscesses (page 60)\* Bites from Animals (page 90)\* Car Accidents (page 117)\* Choking (page 131)\* Gunshot Wounds (page 224)\* Heatstroke (page 237)\* Hot Spots (page 245)\* Jellyfish Stings (page 269)\* Poisoning (page 311)\* Snakebites (page 350) Each at-a-glance entry tells you when to call the vet, which supplies or medications you'll need, what immediate action you should take, and what you should do as follow-up care. By knowing what to do in an emergency and then acting quickly and confidently to take the proper steps, you could save your pet's life. The next time medical help is not quickly available, reach for *The First-Aid Companion for Dogs and Cats*. It's a pet owner's second best friend.

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## Customer Reviews

It's every pet owner's nightmare: suddenly your four-legged friend isn't breathing. What to do?

There is no 911 for pets, so it's up to you to save a life. The First Aid Companion for Dogs & Cats is a straightforward guide that covers both major problems--CPR, heat stroke, and strangulation--and minor ones, such as swollen tails, ingrown nails, and flea allergies. Beginning with simple tests and explanations of general care issues like dehydration examinations and triage, this guide then moves on to an alphabetical listing of every possible situation, from arrow wounds to worms. The individual sections are good for both general reading and instant assistance. Each one starts with a notice of when to call the vet--immediately, the same day, or as needed. It also lists what items from your pet's medicine chest will be needed, which may include anything from corn syrup to towels and panty hose. The information that follows this simple checklist is divided into "do this now," "special situations," "follow-up care," and "the best approach." Whenever necessary, simple sketches are included to help show proper technique, such as fashioning an instant muzzle from a pair of nylons, or how to cover a dog's head in case of an ear-flap injury. Relying frequently on common household items like antihistamines, turkey basters, Gatorade, and plastic wrap, this guide assumes most of us won't have special medical training or supplies and focuses on very specific and simple methods of helping your pet achieve the best possible care. Even more importantly, many suggestions are included on prevention of accidents--isn't it easier to get that window screen repaired than to rush your kitty to the vet after a bad fall?--Jill Lightner

Hey there, thanks for finding me on Author Central--and it appears we have "pet love" in common! I currently live with a 20-year-old Siamese wannabe, and a 2-year-old silver shaded tabby delinquent who together keep my 9-year-old German Shepherd comedian dog in line. You can also find more details in some of my other pet books: Dog Facts: The Pet Parent's A-to-Z Home Care EncyclopediaCat Facts: The Pet Parent's A-to-Z Home Care EncyclopediaNew Choices in Natural Healing for Dogs & CatsComPETability: Solving Behavior Problems In Your (cat/dog/both) Household

I bought this book as a reference and loved the preview chapters on Kindle while I awaited the book's arrival. It has 439 pages with everything you want to know, need to know, and might be afraid to know about first aid for your dog or cat. Like any medical reference book, it is best to study it ahead of time prior to the need to use it. Get yourself familiarized with the contents so that you know exactly where to look to find information you need when and if the time for first aid arises. It's just one of several resources. In case of a true emergency I would probably use my cell phone to look up info quickly and call my vet. But by reading this book ahead of time I can learn how to

handle situations that don't require a vet or if a true emergency exits, I can learn ahead of time how to handle it until help arrives. There is a section about supplies to keep on hand which I think is invaluable. I have a fairly well equipped first aid kit for my service dog but did not have honey or Karo syrup for shock or duct tape for immobilizing on a firm surface. There is an extensive list of essential items starting on page 3. I hope I never have to use emergency first aid on my dog, but if that day comes I will be prepared.

Absolutely fantastic book. Very comprehensive on first aid and medicines for pets. I only saw 1 problem with this book. On page 4 there is a medicine chart that recommended Kaopectate for cats. It is ok ONLY if it does not contain bismuth subsalicylates. The book is organized well and very easy to read and understand all of the advice and procedures to use for your pet. It has a great alphabetized symptom guide to help you find your pet's problems fast. This was a home run. Buy this book and avoid all information on the internet pet forums if possible. I have seen so many conflicting pieces of information posted by non-vets/non-vet technicians that is very dangerous if not outright deadly to pets. My vet's office was recently bought out by a big box medical chain (VCA) and it sucks now. Before, my vet had a very small hometown feel to it. (I live in a big city) They took time with my pets and their rates were not crazy. VCA came in, fired all of the vets and most of the techs at my vet and it just isn't the same. Their bedside manner is lousy with my pets and the new vets just don't seem to care much. Their rates are insanely expensive as well. I refuse to get raked over the coals by these thieves. They know you love your pet and they take advantage of it. It's getting more expensive to own a cat than it is to own a damn Ferrari. VCA has basically destroyed most of the veterinary clinics in my area. They are pushing things to a point where it will be too expensive to give pets proper medical care. Either pets will be abandoned at the shelters/outside more for being sick, or they will be euthanized because people don't have hundreds of dollars to pay for lab tests, x-rays and other diagnostic treatments and medicines. Anyways, buy this book and save some money. I would also cross check things on the internet with reputable sites. When in doubt, go to the vet. Your pet is your best friend and his/her life is worth it.

Lots of information to digest. I bought this as a precaution found it surprisingly text heavy for the purpose of finding something quickly in a first aid emergency situation. If I just bought it and put it on a shelf to grab when needed, I would have trouble navigating the book or becoming familiar with veterinary terminology quickly (and it's shocking that among the list was scorpions and dryer incidents - maybe those are all common things). It is clearly written by experts, with some of the

scenarios a little over my head and I have a master's degree. I gave it 4 stars because I learned things and know it will come in handy, but from the title I was envisioning something more like bullet points and details on what signs/symptoms you're seeing, what those symptoms might mean, then what to do if \_\_\_\_\_ is happening with your pet. It also has some great sections like a list of medicine chest items and in bold CALL YOUR VET: immediately, same day, if needed, etc. Some of the sections are strongly worded and hard to think about but it's hard for me to think of my dogs being hurt in any way so I think that comment is just my worrying about the what-if's.

This book has taught me a good deal about first aid for dogs and cats. It gives many examples of common human medicines that can be used for animals. There are also many useful first aid tips such as how to make an improvised muzzle for your dog so that he can't bite you when you are trying to help him. Although it contains many spelling and grammar errors throughout the book, (It may be just the Kindle version) they do not cause me any trouble at all as it is still clear as to what the author is trying to tell you. I volunteer weekly at a local animal shelter and I have found this book to be an invaluable resource for my work. All in all, get this book if you would like to know how to perform basic first aid skills on your dogs and cats during an emergency.

I picked this book up as reference in case something happens late at night or over a weekend where I might have to decide whether an emergency vet visit is necessary. I've flipped through it a few times, just to get an idea of what's covered and I have already seen a few examples where I wish I'd picked up the book sooner! If nothing else, this is a good peace of mind product to have around "just in case".

I bought this book in 2013 and while using it tonight to see what I needed to do after my dog got an injury at the park, I thought it was high time I reviewed. I use this book all the time, and it's been a great help and a money saver. It has a guide for every injury/issue you could imagine, and tells you whether to call your vet now, later or as needed. There are clear, step-by-step instructions for everything, from every day stuff to nightmare stuff. I'm the type of person who will rush my pets to the vet for small things, so it's been great to have a guide like this. It's been invaluable, very informative, and I love having it on-hand. Highly recommend for anyone with cats or dogs.

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