

Pet Care NOTES



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MUZZLING AN INJURED PET

It is vitally important for pet owners to be prepared for pet health emergencies so that they can protect their pets and themselves. Pets injured by a trauma are usually in pain, and therefore are more likely to bite. Muzzling a pet in this situation will keep everyone safe. To do so, use a strip of cloth, a nylon stocking, or a necktie. Wrap it around the animal's nose, under its chin, and then tie it behind the ears. It's helpful to allow the animal to pant by loosening or removing the muzzle. Small animals such as cats can be challenging to muzzle, but a towel placed around the animal's head will be sufficient.

As self-sufficient as some animals may seem, your pet will sometimes need your help when faced with injury or illness, so it's a good idea to know something about emergency care and form a relationship with your veterinarian before the need for acute care arises. The pet that is depending on you needs wellness care as well as emergency care; a safe, dry, warm, clean place to live; a healthy diet; and lots of TLC. You'll both be glad to know there's a place like our hospital to come to for complete pet healthcare services. We treat companion animals, pocket pets, rabbits, and other small mammals.

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