

Basic First Aid

- **Consult your veterinarian** for more complete advice on providing first aid to your pet, especially if he or she has any ongoing health issues.
- **Check for breathing.** Administer rescue breathing or CPR, if needed.
- **Control bleeding.** Carefully apply pressure to the wound.
- **Warm the animal.** Wrap a thermal blanket around the animal's body.
- **Elevate.** Place a blanket beneath the animal's hind end to slightly elevate it. Do not do this if you suspect a neck or back injury. If you do suspect this type of injury, use a board or blanket as a stretcher and move the pet carefully
- **Apply** a muzzle using a soft rope or cloth if your pet is in extreme pain, but do not do this if your pet is vomiting. Even gentle pets may bite when in pain.
- **Transport** your pet to us immediately if your regular veterinary hospital is closed.
- **Bring** anything that will help provide a diagnosis such as a sample of suspected poison.