



But What About My Cat and Dog ?!

Expanding our science-backed Street Medics Austin training materials to include companion animal emergencies



IMPORTANT

These actions do not replace veterinary care. Always transport your pet to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

We're all Mammals!

The majority of what we teach in our NARCAN, Chemical Weapons Exposure, and other classes for humans also applies to cats and dogs!

Opioid Emergencies:



Spray directly into the nostril and drive to the veterinarian!



LOW RISK

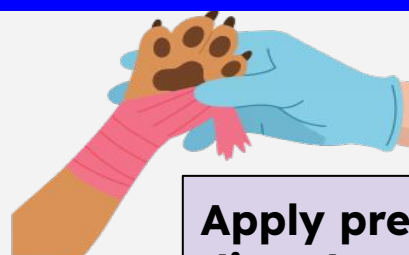
Narcan is considered low risk even if the pet has not ingested opioids. When in doubt, give it.

Unexpected Chemical Weapons Exposure:

1. Get yourself and your pet away from the chemical weapon!
2. Remove all contaminated clothing and items.
3. Rinse eyes, mouth, and body with saline or clean water.
4. Take them to the veterinarian



Severe Bleeding:



Apply pressure directly to the bleeding!

If they are still bleeding, apply a **Tourniquet**

Go to your veterinarian



Our Trainings

OFFICIAL SOURCES

Ohio State University
health.osu.edu/health/animal-health/how-to-use-narcan-on-dogs/
(Includes instructional video)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
cdc.gov/chemical-emergencies/pets/response.html

(State of) Missouri
Veterinary Medical Association
https://cdn.vetmed.org/www.vetmed.org/resource/resmgr/lizzies/narcan-animal_welfare_bro-2-.pdf

University of Illinois
College of Veterinary Medicine
vetmed.illinois.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/opioid-emergency-protocol.pdf
(Simple, formulaic protocol flyer)

American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
avmajournals.avma.org/view/journals/javma/228/7/javma.228.7.1028.xml

(Includes chemical exposure steps and info on opioids/Narcan)

The key differences in cat and dog emergencies are safe restraint and pet-specific first aid kits.

SAFE RESTRAINT & TRANSPORT



1 HANDLING & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Pets will be in pain, fear, anxiety, and stress. It is NOT unusual for even a good pet to lash out in pain and confusion.



2 IF YOUR PET MAY RUN AWAY

Use a leash, carrier, or transport crate whenever possible to prevent escape during an emergency.



3 SAFE RESTRAINT TO PREVENT BITING OR SCRATCHING

Dogs: consider using a basket muzzle or cone

Cats: consider using a towel wrap or cone

These tools help to protect you both while administering Narcan, rinsing away chemicals, or applying pressure to painful injuries.



4 DURING TRANSPORT TO A VETERINARIAN

Keep your pet warm and as comfortable as possible.

- **Opioid emergencies:** monitor for return of symptoms and determine whether another Narcan dose may be needed every 2–5 minutes.
- **Bleeding emergencies:** if you must drive instead of manually applying pressure, use cohesive wrap ("Vet Wrap") to help maintain pressure on the wound during transport.



BUY OR CREATE A PET FIRST AID KIT

- 1 Buy a species-specific tourniquet. Human tourniquets are unlikely to be effective and pre-purchased tourniquets are safer than improvised ones.

- 2 Leash, Basket Muzzle, Cloth Towel, and/or Cone for Restraint

- 3 NARCAN

- 4 Hair Clippers / Razors and Cohesive Wrap (aka "Vet Wrap")

- 5 And check out this guide for more:

Fear Free Happy Homes. (2026). What should you include in your pet's first-aid kit? ASPCA Pet Health Insurance.

<https://tinyurl.com/PetFirstAidGuide>



PET CPR RESOURCES



Cornell University



RECOVER CPR

