

Heat Stroke possibly from excessive heat, lack of shade, overexertion, lack of water, etc.

Action Steps:

- + Place in a cool or shady area.
- + Immediately bathe animal with tepid water (**DO NOT LEAVE UNATTENDED**)
- + Monitor rectal temperature, when temperature drops below 103F, dry pet.
- + Continue monitoring temperature and transport to veterinarian.
DO NOT ALLOW ANIMAL TO BECOME EXCESSIVELY CHILLED !

Limping possible causes: broken limb or digit, arthritis, injury, dislocation, sprain, etc.

Action Steps:

- + Attempt to localize injury through **GENTLE** inspection.
- + Once localized, examine affected area to check for pain, heat, injury and swelling.
- + If a fracture is suspected, **GENTLY** stabilize limb for transport. (see handling & transporting tips)
- + Cover any wounds with a clean cloth (see "Bleeding")

Bee or Wasp Sting

Action Steps:

- + Bee Stings are acidic - neutralize with **BAKING SODA**
- + Wasp Stings are alkaline - neutralize with **VINEGAR** or **LEMON JUICE**
- + Apply cold pack.
- + Apply calamine or antihistamine cream.
- + In case of severe swelling or difficulty breathing - see your **VETERINARIAN IMMEDIATELY!**

Handling and Transportation Tips

- + Don't assume a pet won't bite or scratch
- + Don't try to comfort an injured pet by hugging it - **DON'T put your face next to its head.**
- + Muzzle dogs if necessary with gauze, soft towel, etc. - wrap cats in a towel.
- + Perform any examinations slowly & gently. **STOP** if pet becomes agitated.
- + Don't attempt to lift or drag a large injured dog. Improve a stretcher to use !
- + Before transport try to stabilize injuries. Rolled magazines or newspapers can serve as impromptu splints. Pad limb and splint generously with rolled cotton & gauze if available or improvise with suitable pillows, pieces of blanket, towels, etc. Make sure splint immobilizes joints above & below injury.