

Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR GDV [BLOAT]

VET'S EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER :

	WHAT IS HAPPENING	WHAT THE DOG DOES	WHAT YOU SHOULD DO	TREATMENT
STRESS EXCITEMENT VIGOROUS EXERCISE LARGE MEALS LONG DRINK SWALLOWED AIR FAMILIAL TENDENCY	STOMACH FUNCTION IS NORMAL ↓ GAS ACCUMULATES IN THE STOMACH BUT THE STOMACH DOES NOT EMPTY AS IT SHOULD ↔ STOMACH STARTS TO DILATE [GASTRIC DILATATION] ↓ STOMACH TWISTS [GASTRIC VOLVULUS]	DOG BEHAVES AS USUAL ↓ SEEMS SLIGHTLY UNCOMFORTABLE ↓ ANXIOUS RESTLESS / PACING TRYING TO VOMIT - MAY BRING UP STIFF WHITE FOAM BUT NO FOOD SALIVATING ABDOMEN MAY BE SWOLLEN ↓ ↓ VERY RESTLESS WHINING & PANTING SALIVATING COPIOUSLY TRIES TO VOMIT EVERY 2 - 3 MINS	KEEP THE DOG QUIET DO NOT LEAVE THE DOG ALONE GIVE ANTACID IF YOUR VET AGREES BE AWARE OF PHASE I SYMPTOMS CALL YOUR VET, TELL HIM WHAT YOU SUSPECT AND WHY TAKE THE DOG TO THE VET WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY	DURING THIS PERIOD, THE DOG MAY RECOVER WITHOUT GOING ON TO DEVELOP GASTRIC VOLVULUS
PHASE I PHASE II	↓ BLOOD SUPPLY TO PART OF STOMACH IS CUT OFF STOMACH TISSUE IS DAMAGED PORTAL VEIN, VENA CAVA AND SPLENIC VEIN BECOME COMPRESSED AND TWISTED SPLEEN BECOMES ENGORGED SHOCK BEGINS TO DEVELOP ↓ SPLEEN AND STOMACH TISSUE BECOME NECROTIC ↓ SHOCK NOW VERY SEVERE ↓ HEART FAILURE DEVELOPS ↓ SHOCK NOW IRREVERSIBLE ↓ DEATH	STANDS WITH LEGS APART AND HEAD HANGING DOWN ABDOMEN SWOLLEN & SOUNDS HOLLOW IF TAPPED GUMS DARK RED HEART RATE 80 - 100 BEATS/MIN TEMPERATURE RAISED (104f) ↓ UNABLE TO STAND OR STANDS SHAKILY WITH LEGS APART ABDOMEN VERY SWOLLEN BREATHING SHALLOW GUMS WHITE OR BLUE HEART RATE OVER 100 BEATS/MIN PULSE VERY WEAK TEMPERATURE DROPS (98f)	GET SOMEONE TO TELL YOUR VET YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY AND WHY TAKE THE DOG TO THE VET AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE DEATH IS IMMINENT GET SOMEONE TO TELL YOUR VET YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY AND WHY TAKE THE DOG TO THE VET AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE	DURING THIS PERIOD THE DOG MAY RECOVER IF YOUR VET RELEASES THE PRESSURE WITH A STOMACH TUBE DURING THIS PERIOD THE VET WILL NEED TO RELIEVE THE STOMACH PRESSURE, START AN INTRAVENOUS DRIP AND PERFORM SURGERY TO UNTWIST THE STOMACH AS WELL AS DOING EVERYTHING ABOVE, THE VET WILL NEED TO REMOVE PART OF THE STOMACH AND THE SPLEEN HE WILL ALSO NEED TO USE POWERFUL DRUGS TO COUNTERACT SHOCK
PHASE III				IT IS NOW NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO SAVE THE DOG'S LIFE