



# SNAKE BITE!



## How to avoid snake bites:

1. Know that you are entering their territory- **be aware.**
2. Stay on the trail and avoid big rocks or dense grass.
3. Keep your pet on a short leash.
4. Condition your dog to come to you when it sees a snake.

## What symptoms to look for:

- Swelling on the head, neck and occasionally front legs.
- A set of paired puncture wounds are sometimes visible.

## What to do if your dog may have been bitten by a snake:

### SEEK VETERINARY HELP IMMEDIATELY!

If your dog was bitten by a venomous snake, the sooner medical treatment is started, the more likely for a positive outcome. EVS is the quickest and easiest access animal hospital from the Foothills.

### STAY POSITIVE

With fast and appropriate action, your dog has a good chance of recovery.

### TRY TO IDENTIFY THE SNAKE

- DO NOT try to catch the snake- take a photo if possible to help ID the snake later.
- DO NOT bring the snake with you.
- DO NOT try to suck out the venom.
- DO NOT apply a tourniquet, pressure bandage or ice.
- DO NOT cut the skin where the bite occurred.

### TREATMENT

Treatment typically consists of hospitalization with IV fluid therapy, antivenin, laser therapy, and pain medications.

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