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Cavapoo Emergency Care Checklist

Preparation and Practical First-Response Guide for Cavapoo Owners

1. EMERGENCY CONTACTS (FILL THIS FIRST)

Keep this page visible or saved on your phone.

- Primary Vet Clinic: _____
- Vet Phone Number: _____
- 24/7 Emergency Vet: _____
- Emergency Vet Phone: _____
- Poison Control (Pets): _____
- Trusted Neighbor / Family: _____

2. SIGNS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE VET CARE

Go to a vet immediately if your Cavapoo shows ANY of these:

- Difficulty breathing or choking
- Collapse, fainting, or seizures
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Ingesting chocolate, grapes, xylitol, medication, chemicals
- Severe vomiting or diarrhea (especially with blood)
- Bloating or hard abdomen
- Extreme lethargy or unresponsiveness
- Sudden paralysis or inability to stand
- Heatstroke symptoms (heavy panting, drooling, red gums)

Do NOT wait. Transport immediately.

3. FIRST RESPONSE – WHAT YOU SHOULD DO (STEP-BY-STEP)

3.1 BLEEDING

- Apply direct pressure with a clean cloth or bandage
- Elevate the limb if possible
- Do NOT use tourniquets unless bleeding is life-threatening
- Go to vet immediately if bleeding doesn't stop in 5–10 minutes

3.2 HEATSTROKE (VERY COMMON IN CAVAPOOS)

- Move dog to a cool, shaded area
- Offer small amounts of cool (not ice-cold) water
- Place cool cloths on paws, belly, and neck
- DO NOT immerse in ice water
- Transport to vet immediately

3.3 POISONING

- Remove access to substance immediately
- Do NOT induce vomiting unless a vet tells you to
- Save packaging or sample of substance
- Call poison control or emergency vet before doing anything else

3.4 INJURY OR ACCIDENT

- Keep dog still and calm
- Use a towel or blanket to support body
- Muzzle gently if dog is in pain (only if safe)
- Transport carefully to vet

4. SEIZURE RESPONSE

- Stay calm
- Do NOT restrain the dog
- Clear nearby objects
- Time the seizure
- Keep lights and noise low
- Go to vet if seizure lasts more than 2 minutes or repeats

5. CHOKING (IF DOG IS CONSCIOUS)

- Check mouth carefully (do NOT push object deeper)
- If trained, attempt gentle removal
- If breathing is compromised → go to vet immediately

If unsure, do not attempt advanced techniques.

6. EMERGENCY TRANSPORT PREPARATION

Always keep these ready:

- Leash and harness
- Blanket or towel
- Health record (or photo on phone)
- Emergency vet directions saved on phone
- Carrier or safe transport setup

7. WHAT NOT TO DO (VERY IMPORTANT)

- ✗ Do NOT give human medication
- ✗ Do NOT delay vet care to “wait and see”
- ✗ Do NOT Google instead of calling a vet
- ✗ Do NOT force food or water in emergencies

8. AFTER THE EMERGENCY

- Follow vet instructions strictly
- Update your Cavapoo Health Record
- Note symptoms and triggers
- Rest and monitor behavior closely

DISCLAIMER

This checklist is for emergency preparedness and first response only. It does not replace professional veterinary diagnosis or treatment. Always seek immediate veterinary care during emergencies.

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