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### Saving your Pet with CPR

- 1 Check for breathing and pulse**  
Check pulse using middle and index finger below the wrist, inner thigh (femoral artery), below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.
- 2 If not breathing, give breath to animal**  
**Cats and small dogs**  
Place your mouth over its nose and mouth to blow air in.  
**Medium-large dogs**  
Place your mouth over its nose to blow air in.
- 3 Start compressions if no pulse**  
Lay animal on right side and place hand over ribs where its elbow touches the chest. Begin compressions. Do not give compressions if dog has pulse.

Animal size	Compress chest	Compressions per breath of air
Cat/small dog (Under 30 lbs.)	1/2-1 inch	5
Medium-large dog (30-90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	5
Giant dog (over 90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	10

Source: American Red Cross 2009

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Pet CPR

1 BREATH, 5-10 CHEST COMPRESSIONS, 1 ABDOMINAL SQUEEZE

1. Place pet on their right side, back facing you, their head to your right.
2. Check for pulse and breathing.
3. Extend head to open airway and hold mouth closed.
4. Give full breath by exhaling into pets nasal passage making sure the lungs expand and chest rises.
5. Give 15 full chest compressions in 10 seconds.
6. Squeeze abdominal area forcing blood back into heart.
7. Continue cycle until animal is breathing on its own.

Immediately transport the resuscitated animal to a veterinary care facility for further emergency evaluation and treatment.

Source: Pets Ameica.org 2009