PET UNIVERSE NEWS

The latest news **& views from your pet's point of view from Pet Universe Broadview & Northgate**

HOW TO FIRE FIGHT IN AN ANIMAL EMERGENCY

Being a fully accredited hospital open 7 days with a 24/7 after-hours service we see a fair amount of emergency work. So here are some tips on two common emergencies & how to deal with them until you get to the vets.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.

★ Cats/Small dogs: throw a thick towel or blanket over them to calm & restrain

★ Animals behave differently when frightened & in pain: they may bite & scratch so handle them with caution.

★ Larger dogs: if you're confident approaching them make a loop with a lead & lasso it.
But if the dog is vicious call the police or vet.
Some dogs need sedation for handling & transport.

★ If you haven't seen an accident but suspect an injury, check for grease marks on the coat, scrape marks & scuffed nails (in cats). If in doubt get your pet checked.

★ Road accident victims ALWAYS need to see a vet ASAP even if you see no obvious injury. Shock & internal bleeding can kill very quickly.
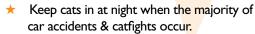
BURNS

★ Scald injuries & paw burns are common, particularly in young cats that jump onto stove tops.

★ Treating burns in the first 15-20 minutes is the best way to reduce their severity.

★ Iced / very cold water on the area for 15-20 minutes before going to the vets will limit damage. Only do this if there are no other life threatening factors that demand more immediate attention (e.g. smoke inhalation).

TIPS

★ Always keep dogs on leads & cats in baskets during transport – pet seat belts are great & are available in store at Pet Universe.

★ Keep cats in at night when the majority of car accidents & catfights occur.

★ Consider insurance particularly if your pet is a pure breed or a youngster under two to three years. The majority of accidents occur in young animals.

Pet Universe is closed on the following public holidays - Christmas Day, Saturday 26 December, Monday 28 December & New Year's Day but our 24-hour emergency service runs as usual. We are open at Broadview on Sunday 27 December from 10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Wishing you all a *merry & safe Christmas*

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