






## Swallowing wrong, choking, Heimlich maneuver


Choking caused by swallowing is most often associated with eating and drinking.

**Symptoms:** difficult breathing, pawing of the mouth, cough, blueness of the oral mucosa

**What to do:**

-  Open the dog's mouth and see if we can pull out the stuck foreign body!
-  If it doesn't work, perform the **Heimlich maneuver:**

 **In the case of a large dog:** stand behind the dog! At the height of the last ribs, reach under the dog's belly, then apply upward and forward pressure on the dog's belly with clenched fists. Do this 4-5 times in a row within 1 minute. If they don't start breathing, give artificial respiration afterwards!

 **For a small dog:** take the dog in your hand and hold it in front of your chest, with its back resting against your chest! Then apply inward and upward pressure on the abdomen behind the rib cage!