



Budapesti Állatkórház

First aid - Impromptu muzzle -

First aid knowledge is not a substitute for veterinary care and veterinary consultation!

With the first aid application, we can improve the dog's current condition until we reach the veterinarian, essentially bringing the animal to a stable state. There are serious, acute situations in which first aid must be provided, because without it the animal would most likely lose its life before reaching the veterinarian.

With first aid:

- 📷 the dog's pain can be alleviated,
- 📷 further deterioration can be prevented,
- 📷 in certain life-threatening situations, you can save a life if you do the right thing

The dog must be taken to a veterinarian if the following occur:


- 📷 Open wound
- 📷 Burn injury
- 📷 Fracture, trauma, falling from a height
- 📷 A cut, punctured, bitten wound
- 📷 Traffic accident
- 📷 Symptoms of poisoning
- 📷 Shock





If necessary and the dog's injury allows, put a muzzle on them so that they do not bite you out of fear and pain. Ask for help: ask your neighbor or your surroundings. Caring for an injured dog, especially in the case of a large dog, is a difficult task.


Preparation of an impromptu muzzle at home:


Use a flexible bandage, scarf or any soft binding material:


-  Take the 2 ends, make sure that the middle is under the dog's jaw.

-  Tie a smooth knot on the nose, so that the resulting loop is held by the dog's mouth and nose. If you do it right and it's tight enough, the dog's mouth is completely closed and their tongue doesn't come out either.


-  Then guide the free ends of the bandage downwards, then make a loop under the dog's jaw.


-  After that, pull the free ends of the bandage towards the nape of the neck and tie a bow. You don't have to worry, the dog gets adequate air even if the muzzle seems tight.

-  Maintain continuous tension, until you complete the tight bow. Important: if it's a bit loose, but you still have a good binding, then don't take the half-done one off, just place another one on top, this will save you time. With large/ strong dogs, the first binding will never be enough.

-  It is recommended not trying it out in an acute situation first, but at home on a calm, friendly dog that you already know. Important: make sure your hands and the bandage are always a safe distance from the dog's mouth. Take care that they don't bite you. This muzzle is perfectly suitable for oral blood sugar measurements in dogs that are squeamish and biting.



 To take the muzzle off untie the bow in the back, then gently pull the loop off towards the dog's nose. By moving the loop back and forth you can remove it without having to put your hands close to their mouth.

 In the case of brachycephalic dogs (e.g. pugs, bulldogs), if it is absolutely necessary to use a muzzle, use the special muzzle technique for them.

