

Resuscitation

CPR should only be used if the dog is not breathing or if the heart is not beating.

If they are unconscious, but have a heartbeat and are breathing, it is forbidden to use resuscitation, and in such cases they should be immediately taken to a veterinarian. To check if the dog is conscious, gently tap the eyelid. If they respond by blinking, there is no need for resuscitation.

The dog is unconscious if it has no breathing and no heartbeat. If they have a heartbeat but are not breathing, you must **use artificial respiration**.

If there is no heartbeat, you must apply **cardiac massage** to the dog.

- The dog is placed **on its right side** on a firm surface.
- Opening the airways, pull out the tongue, then close the mouth.
- Heart massage:
 - A Position yourself above the dog's back
 - A Both hands should be 90° to the ribs, clasped together, where the ribbone rib-cartilage transitions.
 - In the case of a large dog, press the widest point of the chest rhythmically with your palms placed on top of each other.
 - For a **small dog**, we just put our **fingers on** their chest and press with less force so as not to break the ribs!
 - **Rhythm:** the rhythm of the song "Stayin' alive", 80-100 compressions per minute.

Artificial respiration:

- After every 30 compressions, 2 breaths through the nose. After every 3-4. rounds you have to check their heartbeat and breathing!
- Keep their mouth closed while blowing into their nose. The chest should rise, indicating the breath was successful.