

## Be prepared for emergency and immediately

Be prepared – Find a 24-hour veterinary clinic ahead your dog needs one. When John and Bruna Hunks took their 7-week-old Chihuahua, Buddy, home, they expected the typical puppy mishaps. Just when an accident nearly cost the tiny dog his life, the Hunks realized how ill-prepared they really were. While eating with the couple's other dogs, Buddy got startled, flipped over, and landed head-first on the floor. Within seconds, an tremendous bump developed on his head, and he had trouble remaining conscious. "You're barely in a panic," Bruna Hunks says. "When something like that occurs, there's no time to think. He was so little, and we were so scared." She scooped up the tiny dog and, together with her husband, made a mad dash to the car. But!!! where to go? Who!!! was open on a Sunday night? They ended up at East Hill Animal Hospital. Buddy had a fractured bone but recovered completely, and the Hunks learned a valuable lesson. "When you're panicked, you're not thought directly," Bruna says. "I like we had known early where the [24-hour hospital] was. It would have been so much easier." Someones agree that settling a qualified, fully equipped, and nearby 24-hour animal hospital before it's needed is a must for all dog owner. It just takes a little of time and legwork.

– How to find one The first place you should turn in this quest? Your own veterinarian. A lot, veterinary clinics figure out closely with nearby hospitals, and they will gladly allow for recommendations. You can also verify with other dog owners or talk a dog –trainer for suggestion. Finally, there's the telephone book. – Check it out Formerly you've settled a hospital, determine more. "This is the scariest part for dog owners - not knowing what they're seeking," says, assistant administrative and events coordinator for the 24-hour hospital Puget Sound Pet Pavilion in Tacoma, Wash. First, make sure the facility stays open 24 hours a day, seven days a week - not just evenings and weekend days. Next, involve if a veterinarian is physically at the hospital at all times. "If a dog ate rat poison, you don't want to have to wait 40 minutes [for a veterinarian to arrive]," says Animal's Doctor, DVM, at East Hills Animal Hospital. "The hospital needs to have effective and confident staff on site. "seat warmers," or someones who response the telephones and call in the troops, can't substitute on-site, qualified, and trained employees. A goodness hospital also has certified veterinary experts at the clinic all day and night. Some hospitals have an array of specialists on call 24 hours a day. Assistant administrative hints that you visit the hospital. Look for a large, clean, organized hospital with professional team. Look for –for facilities with cutting-edge and technologically advanced equipment that can do ultrasounds, EKGs,' advanced radiology, and other diagnostic tests. – Ask these questions • How and when will the hospital publish information to my regular veterinarian? This communication policy can ensure proper after-care for your dog. "We want to make sure communication is very clear between the emergency care [staff] and the regular veterinarian," Assistant administrative says . • What services does the hospital provide? "[Owners] should feel they can trust us completely," Assistant administrative says, with the diagnosis, treatment, and conclusion of care. – Make it ezy Now that you've got a local, ideal hospital, hold the name and telephone number. Post it near the telephone, on the refrigerator and in any files about your dog. Tell everybody who cares for your dog where they should be taken in case of emergency. Then, start a practice run to the hospital so you know the quickest way get there. When your dog next emergency occurs in the middle of the night, you can get her the best care possible and immediately.