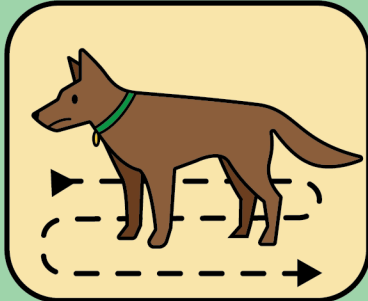


First Aid for a Choking Dog

Signs that your dog is choking:



Pacing



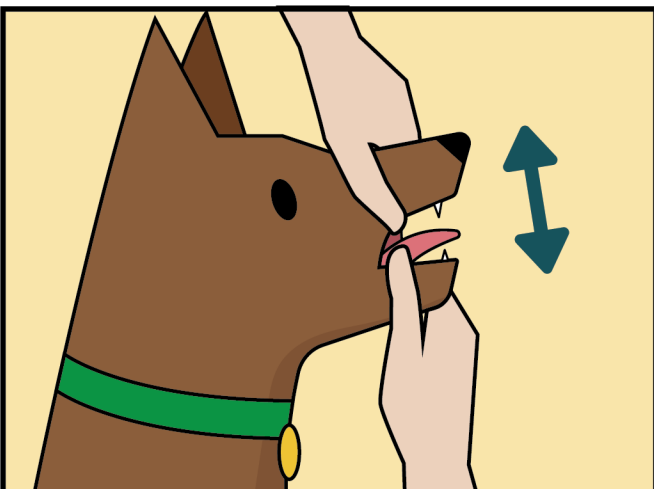
Pawing at their mouth



Not barking or whimpering

How to safely dislodge an object from a dog's airway:

Step 1



Open your dog's mouth and pull their tongue forward (if possible). If you see an obstruction, sweep your finger side to side to dislodge it. If you don't see an obstruction or can't remove it without pushing it further into the airway, proceed to step 2.

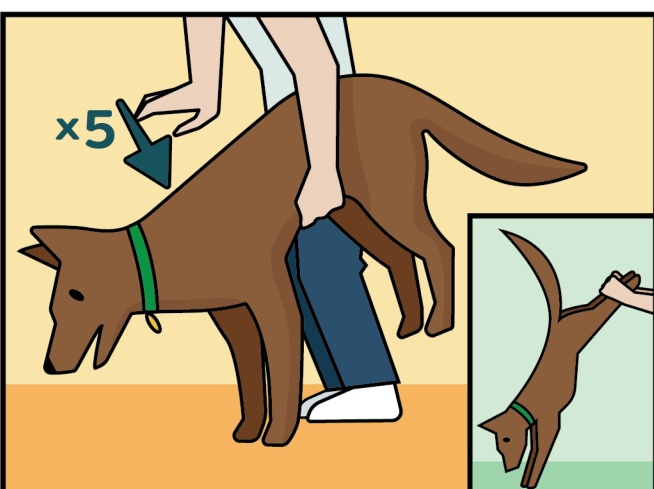
Step 2



Stand behind or lift them with their back against your chest. Make a fist with one hand, then place your other hand over it.

If your dog is too small, lay them on their back. Then push inward and upward on their abdomen five times.

Step 3



If this doesn't dislodge the object, hold your dog by their hips with their head hanging down. If they're too large, hold them by their hind legs like a wheelbarrow. Using the palm of your hand, tap firmly between their shoulder blades five times.

Repeat steps 1-3 until their airway is clear. Then take them to the nearest animal hospital. Choking can cause fluid buildup in the lungs.