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### **HOW TO AVOID A PET EMERGENCY**

The last place you want your pet to end up is the emergency room. Here are some tips on how you can avoid having to bring your pet to the ER:

- Keep your pet indoors in extreme weather conditions (hot or cold)
- Pet proof your home against small objects on which your pet can swallow and/or choke.
- Beware of obvious poisons such as rat poison, antifreeze, medications and the lesser known poisons such as chocolate, onions, daffodils, lilies, pennies and batteries.
- Keep your pet on a leash while on walks.
- Feed your pet a premium diet and avoid “people food.”
- Know your pet’s habits and contact your primary care veterinarian at the first sign of illness or change in habits.

### **BUILD A FIRST AID KIT**

It’s important to have a first aid kit on hand should your pet have an emergency. The items listed below can be found at your local pharmacy, outdoor sports store and pet supply store.

- Cohesive, flexible bandage wrap
- Roll Gauze
- Roll Cotton
- First Aid Cream (e.g. a triple antibiotic cream such as Neosporin)
- Eye Wash (e.g. saline solution)
- Peroxide
- Rectal thermometer
- 3x3 Gauze Squares
- 1” Medical Tape
- ½” Medical Tape
- Emergency Blanket
- Scissors
- Forceps (or long-handled, blunt end tweezers)
- Ice Pack

### **About MVS**

Founded in 1990, Michigan Veterinary Specialists is the specialty and emergency medical center of choice for tens of thousands of pet owners and their primary care veterinarians. Similar to human medicine, they work in partnership with a pet’s primary care veterinarian—through a referral system—to manage the pet’s health. A primary care veterinarian may recommend a specialist if the pet has symptoms or conditions that require specialized diagnostic evaluation or treatment in areas such as Ophthalmology, Cardiology, Neurology, Dermatology, Radiology, Internal Medicine, Surgery, Oncology and Emergency/Critical Care. Michigan Veterinary Specialists has three hospitals in Michigan—Southfield, Auburn Hills and Grand Rapids. For more information about MVS, visit [www.michvet.com](http://www.michvet.com).

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