



Top Dog Blog: **First Aid Series**

Common household and over the counter medicines to assist in keeping your dog healthy and happy.

Problem or Usage:	Product:	Dosage For Dogs:
Accidental ingestion of something poisonous. (You should always call poison control first to see if it is recommended that you have the dog vomit the product or best to treat another way. Some products will do more harm if regurgitated.)	Hydrogen Peroxide	1 tablespoon will typically induce vomiting within a few minutes, but I did have to repeat on a particularly stubborn dog once before after waiting about ten minutes.
Accidental ingestion of toxins. Also some folks believe it assists in reducing bile build up when the dog eats a new food that they are not accustomed to.	Activated Charcoal	The concentrations vary depending on what brand you have on hand. Next time you stop by your vet for anything ask them what they would recommend for your dog in the event an accidental ingestion occurred.
Diarrhea Or Constipation	Canned Pumpkin (Not pumpkin pie filling which has additives.)	Dogs under 50lb I give a tablespoon. Dogs over 50 pounds get 2 tablespoons. Twice per day. Canned pumpkin just seems to smooth out the digestive system. It's odd that it can help with both constipation and diarrhea, but I use it on the dogs regularly for both and have almost always been pleased.
Diarrhea, Excessive gas, Vomiting	Pepto-Bismol	1 tsp. per five pounds of body weight.
Constipation	Imodium AD in liquid or tablet form	Liquid=1ml per pound Tablet=1mg per 20 pounds I typically try pumpkin first, but if it's a more serious case I'll move on to Imodium.
Dehydration	Unflavored Pedialyte	15ml per pound (per day) Usually I divide this dosage up throughout the day because as you do the math you will realize that this is quite a large amount of fluid at once.

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Car sickness or other motion sickness	Dramamine (I've been told not to use the non-drowsy formula in dogs)	2.5mg per pound of body weight.
Allergies, Excessive Itching, Bug Bites, etc/	Benadryl	1/2 mg per pound of body weight, and you don't want to exceed more than 2mg per dosage on a dog (even a very large one). From my experience Benadryl can be a tremendous help. However, it seems to affect individual dogs very differently. Some get extremely drowsy, others seem like you just pumped them full of sugar. In any case it always seems to help with itching!
Minor aches and pains, anti-inflammatory	Buffered Asprin	5mg per pound of body weight up to twice a day.
NEVER USE!	Ibuprofen or Tylenol	DO NOT USE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!