

SAFETY REMINDERS



Avoid touching any unknown substance directly.



Wear a mask and gloves if available.



Remove the basket muzzle if the dog begins to vomit.



Keep yourself safe. A dog recovering from an overdose may wake up disoriented, frightened, or reactive.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Naloxone may not reverse every suspected overdose, and opioid exposure can be difficult to distinguish from other types of drug exposure. Veterinary follow-up is essential in every suspected case.

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WHEN WOULD NALOXONE BE NEEDED

Signs of an opioid overdose in dogs can vary depending on the type and amount of opioid involved. Common warning signs may include:



Drowsiness



Difficulty standing



A blank stare



Weakness or unconsciousness



Trouble breathing



Failure to respond to commands



SUSPECT OPIOID EXPOSURE IN YOUR DOG?

HERE IS WHAT — TO DO —

Learn the signs. Know the steps.
Get help fast.



Most dogs begin to show signs within **15 minutes** of exposure.

1 STEP 1: GIVE NALOXONE



2 STEP 2: PROTECT YOURSELF AND CALL FOR HELP



3 STEP 3: GO TO THE VETERINARIAN IMMEDIATELY

WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

- Hold the dog's snout closed with one hand.
- Place the tip of the Naloxone device inside one nostril.
- Press the device to deliver the dose.



If you suspect your dog has ingested or been exposed to opioids, knowing how and when to administer Naloxone can **help save their lives.**



Place a basket muzzle on the dog after Naloxone is administered, if it is safe to do so.



Contact your emergency veterinarian right away.



Call ahead if possible
Let the veterinary team know you are on your way.



Transport the dog to a veterinarian as soon as possible.



Have a second emergency dose of Naloxone ready in case symptoms reappear.



Naloxone is short-acting, so repeated doses may be needed.

IF THE DOG IS NOT BREATHING



If trained and equipped, begin rescue breathing using a fitted mask and bag-valve device.

Not trained? Do not attempt rescue breathing. Give Naloxone if available, call an emergency veterinarian, and seek urgent veterinary care immediately.