

FIRST AID & INJURY PREVENTION



For First Responders & Canine Handlers



VETERINARY EMERGENCY & REHABILITATION HOSPITAL
Fort Collins Veterinary Emergency and Rehabilitation Hospital is pleased to offer:

Basic First Aid

Target audience: Canine handlers, teammates, medical support personnel, trainers. Emergency medical service providers as defined by the Preveterinary Care Act.

Synopsis: A guide for management of most canine field emergencies. Meant to provide instruction for pre-hospital veterinary care. This course includes both lecture and hands on practice with or without a canine partner. Topics include: basic canine anatomy and physiology, physical examination, safe restraint, assessing vitals, management of wounds, controlling hemorrhage, stabilizing fractures, oxygen administration, subcutaneous fluids, basic CPR. Class will also cover the assessment and treatment of some common conditions including: dehydration, bloat, heat stroke, drownings, toxins, snakebites, etc.

Advanced First Aid

Target Audience: Emergency medical service providers as defined by the Preveterinary Care Act.

Synopsis: This course's target audience is the emergency medical service provider to provide immediate medical stabilization of a dog or cat with the intent of enabling the dog or cat to be treated by a veterinarian. This course is intended to follow training in basic first aid. One day course which includes both lecture and hands on practice with or without a canine partner. This class may also include practice on cadavers. Topics include - Trauma management, airway management, decompression of a gastric dilatation and volvulus, CPR.

Injury Prevention

Target audience: Canine handlers, trainers, law enforcement

Synopsis: This course is available to handlers and trainers to maintain an injury-free canine partner. This course will provide instruction on strength, conditioning and improved proprioception for the working canine. Dr. Rychel will also discuss nutrition, supplements and "routine maintenance" of the working canine athlete.

First Aid and Injury Prevention

Target audience: Canine handlers, trainers, local emergency responders, law enforcement.

Synopsis: This is a full day course for canine handlers and medical personnel meant to provide instruction in both canine first aid, CPR and injury prevention. This course will provide instruction on fitness and conditioning to improve the performance and endurance as well as minimize risk of injury for the working canine.

Half day of basic first aid as described above followed by a half day of the most current topics for strength, flexibility, conditioning and injury prevention for the working dog.

Please contact Dr. Robin Van Metre – dvmrmm@gmail.com to schedule these classes for your group.

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Canine First Aid courses – Basic and advanced courses are meant to provide instruction for treatment and stabilization of common conditions that affect canines.

Injury prevention courses – This course is available to handlers and trainers to maintain an injury-free canine partner. This course will provide instruction on strength, conditioning and “routine maintenance” of the working canine.

Instruction:

First Aid Course (Basic and Advanced) – Dr. Robin Van Metre, VMD

Dr. Van Metre has 20 years of experience in the veterinary emergency field. She is SARTECH certified. She is on-call for working dog teams in northern Colorado and offers training for search and rescue, SORT and first responders. Dr. Van Metre is a member of the K9-tactical emergency casualty care working group (K9-TECC).

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