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Equally Painful for You and Your Pet, This Seasonal Mishap Can Be Fatal

By Dr. Becker

Despite their fur-covered bodies, dogs can be stung by flying insects like bees, wasps and hornets just like people can. This is especially true for dogs who become curious or stalker-ish when they spot a stinging insect.

Unlike humans who typically dodge, weave and run away from the tiny buzzing beasts, many dogs try to move in closer for a better look, and some even snap at the insects with their mouths. If your furry family member gets stung, rest assured the bite is just as painful for her as it would be for you. Even more worrisome is the possibility of a serious or even life-threatening allergic reaction when a dog is stung.

How to Know if Your Dog Has Been Stung

The three areas of your dog's body most likely to be stung are the nose, mouth, and less frequently, the paws. Certainly a swollen muzzle is a sign your dog may have encountered a stinging insect.

A dog who has been stung may also suddenly begin running in circles, yelping, and/or pawing at his face or rubbing it against the ground. If this is happening to your dog, chances are you'll find evidence in the immediate area such as a beehive, wasp nest or insects buzzing around.

Like humans, dogs experience a variety of reactions to being stung, including

scratching, licking and biting the area where the sting occurred. You might also notice a patch of red, inflamed skin. These are relatively benign reactions to a sting.

In more serious cases, the dog's muzzle, head or neck area will swell noticeably. There may also be extreme pain, the appearance of hives, vomiting and difficulty breathing. This is considered a severe allergic reaction that can progress quickly to anaphylactic shock, which is a life-threatening emergency.

Like people, some dogs are more sensitive to insect stings than others. Smaller dogs often don't fare as well as the big guys, and swarms of bees are especially dangerous — even fatal.

If Your Dog Has a Severe Reaction to a Sting

The reason dogs' noses are so often stung is because canines go through life nose-first. And dogs who like to snap at flying insects can also be stung inside the mouth or even in the throat.

If a serious allergic reaction occurs after a bee sting to your dog's nose, mouth or face, the resulting swelling can interfere with her ability to breathe. This is a special problem for dogs with flat faces (brachycephalic breeds, e.g., the Boxer, Bulldog, and Pug). Needless to say, if you know or suspect your dog has been stung by an insect and her muzzle or face begins to swell, you should get her to your veterinarian or an emergency animal hospital right away. Do the same if your pet has been attacked by a swarm.

Home Care for Nonemergency Stings

If the situation isn't an emergency, you'll need to try to find and remove the stinger as soon as possible to reduce the amount of venom that gets into the bite. Tweezers aren't a good tool for this job. Instead, use a credit card from your wallet to gently scrape away the stinger, ensuring the venom sac comes out with it.

After removing the stinger, you can make a paste of baking soda and water, and

apply it to the area to help soothe the itch and irritation. Prevent your dog from licking the area and rinse away the paste after about 15 minutes. You can also offer Apis Mel, which I call "homeopathic Benadryl" along with quercetin ("nature's Benadryl") if you have it, or real Benadryl if you don't, with a starting dose a milligram per pound of body weight.

If the diphenhydramine (Benadryl) isn't working, it's time to head to the closest veterinary clinic for further treatment to prevent the inflammatory response from escalating. It's also important to remember not to let your dog back into the area where he encountered the stinging insects. If he's stung again right after the original sting, there's a good chance he'll have a faster and more serious allergic reaction.

If your dog tends to snap at and swallow bees and wasps, consider giving him quercetin before allowing him outdoors during the warmer months of the year. Also talk with your veterinarian about other preventive measures.

5 Quick Home Remedies for Other Minor Dog Illnesses and Injuries

1.Problem: Nail injury. Dogs can slice up their nails in a variety of ways — everything from a too-close nail trim that nicks the quick, to running outdoors over sharp rocks.

Solution: Styptic powder. If you don't have styptic powder on hand, for minor bleeding, grab either cornstarch or flour from your kitchen, pour some into a small bowl and dip the injured paw into the powder to stop the bleeding.

2.Problem: Cuts and scrapes. Many dogs manage to acquire minor cuts and scrapes while running around the backyard or while out for a walk.

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SEASONAL MISHAP...from p. 1

Solution: Contact lens saline solution. You can clean dirt and debris from your pet's minor wound with regular human contact lens saline solution. You can also use it to flush out dirt, sand or other irritants from your dog's eye.

3.Problem: Indiscriminate eating. If your dog has very recently ingested something she shouldn't, for example, antifreeze or another toxin, you may need to [induce vomiting](#). Always call your vet or an animal poison control hotline if you suspect your pet has swallowed a poison.

Solution: 3 percent hydrogen peroxide. The dose is 1 teaspoon for every 10 pounds of body weight. Hydrogen peroxide typically induces vomiting within 15 minutes. If your dog doesn't vomit within that time, you can give her a second dose, but if another 15 minutes passes and she still hasn't vomited, it's time to call your veterinarian.

4.Problem: Constipation, diarrhea and other minor digestive issues. All dogs at one time or another experience GI issues that last for a few days and disappear.

Solution: Canned pumpkin. It's a good idea to keep a can of 100 percent pumpkin in your kitchen cabinet for occasional mild tummy upsets. Give a teaspoon of pumpkin for every 10 pounds of body weight, one to two times a day, either in food or as a treat. Pumpkin is rich in soluble fiber that can ease both diarrhea and constipation.

5.Problem: Thunderstorm phobia. Many dogs fear thunderstorms. But it's not just the thunder and lightning that makes your dog anxious, it's also the static electricity that can accumulate in his coat, giving him little electric zaps that are unnerving.

Solution: A steamy room. Pets with [thunderstorm phobia](#) often feel more comfortable in a steamy/humid space that removes static from their coat, so try putting your dog in the bathroom while running hot water in the shower. Alternatively, you can rub his coat with a nontoxic dryer sheet for the same effect. Many dryer sheets are loaded with chemicals that shouldn't remain on the fur, so make sure you're using safe dryer sheets.

Wellness Tips I Learned from my Dog

Taking care of a pet can teach you a lot about taking good care of yourself. Here are a few things that we can learn from our dogs:

Drinking water

Just like your dog needs fresh water every day, so do you. Drinking adequate water helps with kidney, skin, joint, tooth health and more! It is also important to make sure you and your dog stay hydrated during physical activity, not just after.

Eating

Your dog needs consistent meals and a well-balanced diet that provides them with the nutrients and energy they need. Make sure you're also maintaining a healthy diet, and plan for regular meals. Meal skipping causes low blood sugar which leads to high-caloric cravings and can damage your mood. Eating well is the foundation of a healthy body and the energy to get through the day.

Exercise

Your dog is excited to go for a walk, are you? Exercise is good for your physical and mental wellbeing. It can relieve feelings of depression, fatigue, and stress, help maintain a healthy weight, and strengthen your muscles, which is important as you and your dog get older. Exercise also helps you sleep!

Sleep

Your dog knows how to take it slow and enjoy a well-deserved nap. A nap can improve your mood, alertness, and creativity. They aren't just for pets, and they don't mean you're lazy! However, if you are concerned your pooch is sleeping all the time when he should be excited to be with you, something may be wrong. While all of us need sufficient sleep to be on top of our game, excessive sleepiness is a symptom of depression, in both dogs and people.

Stretch

Ever notice your dog almost always stretches after being in the same position for a while? A stretching routine supports good health, so try getting in a practice of stretching with your dog in the morning and enjoy benefits including increased flexibility, better mobility as you age, and stress relief.

Play and socialize

Humans and dogs are social animals, so both have to learn and practice social skills. When we are young, we learn appropriate behaviors through play (sharing, gentleness), and as we get older play continues to be important for our wellbeing. Play helps us bond and form new friendships, alleviates stress, and keeps our mental and physical health sharp. Plus, it's fun! Plan regular playtimes with your dog and your friends to take advantage of its benefits.

Is It Normal to Talk to Pets?

By Hanie Elfenbein

I talk to my dog. I also talk to all the other dogs at the dog park. I may not be a “normal” person in all respects, but I don’t think this is one of my questionable character traits. I think it’s totally normal to talk to animals—and not just to ask if they want to play fetch.

From the time I was a little kid, I talked to my dog. I could tell him anything, and he wouldn’t judge me or tell me what I should do. As I’ve grown up, the contents of the conversations have changed, but I still turn to my animals to say things that I can’t or don’t want to tell another person. Sometimes we just need to say what’s on our minds, and cats and dogs lend a willing ear. There is no need to hold back what we say for their sake.

Pets Can Recognize Human Emotion

Some people say that talking to my pets means I am anthropomorphizing them, or assigning human characteristics to non-human entities. I disagree. Dogs and cats have evolved side by-side with humans for tens of thousands of years to understand human emotion. Much of that is probably based on our body language, but the tone of our voice also tells our furry family members how we feel. Those clues tell our dogs and cats what we need from them.

I don’t think that my dog knows what I’m telling him, but he knows the way my voice sounds when I’m sad, tired, or frustrated, and he tries to make me feel better. There were many nights during veterinary school when I put my head next to my cat to listen to his purr as I cried to him about feeling overwhelmed. Talking to my pets helps me feel better and, bigger picture, it’s a way to strengthen our bond.

On the flipside, your dog will learn to understand more words than just “sit” and “dog park.” Be consistent when you are talking to your pet with the intention that they learn the meaning of what you say or take an action as a result of the word. For example, “off” and “down” might mean the same thing to you when your puppy jumps, but you might also use “down” to mean a laying position. That can be confusing for your pup, which can slow down the training process.

Pets Offer Unconditional Love

We invite dogs and cats into our family for their unconditional love—their willingness to listen to all of our complaints and tolerate all of our bad habits and love us anyway. In my opinion, anything we can do to make our pets know how important they are is a good thing. Talking to them, unlike giving them treats, won’t cause side effects like weight gain. Pets are meant to be spoiled, and including them in conversation is one way to express how much we love them.

Talking to our dogs and cats is also key to the science that says pets are important for mental and physical health. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, pet parents are less likely to feel lonely than those who live without pets. I think part of that is having someone who always listens. There is also research that shows that talking in a happy tone if you are feeling sad or angry can actually help you feel happier—just like fake laughing can turn into real laughing.

My dog is my companion. He goes on walks and runs with me, he hangs out with me in the apartment, he drives with me to work, and he’s always ready for an adventure. With that much time together, I can’t imagine not talking to him about all the things that happen in between our cuddle sessions.

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Bouquets & Biscuits

SUMERWYND SHENANIGANS was WD and BOW at the prestigious AKC National Championship Show in Orlando, Florida. to finish! He is the third champion for his sire, Ch Sumerwynd Stiff Competition and first for his dam, Sumerwynd Scrumptious. Junior, a salt and pepper, was shown by Shawne Imler for breeder/owner Wade Bogart

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AM Sweepstakes – Ginny Maese

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WD/BOW ... North Pine Hitz It Right
With The Chosen One /Elliott/Cooper
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Pine In A League Of Her Own /Day
SD ... CH North Pine Hitz The Back
Street /Meacham
AOM ... GCH Rockyhill Texas Dopplar
Radar /Cooper
WB ... Kaos Crossed The Line For
Love /Bonds/Dugan

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A Checklist for Your Dog Sitter

By AKC Staff

We wish we could always bring our dogs with us when we have to go away, but sometimes that's just not possible. Hiring a pet sitter to stay at your home and stick to your dog's regular routine will help make the time you're away a little less stressful for him (but don't worry—you'll still get a big ol' slobbery greeting when you get back). Here is a list of everything you should leave with the sitter.

The routine: Keeping your dog to the same schedule while you're away will help him make the transition easier and may prevent accidents. Give the sitter a detailed breakdown of when to walk and feed your dog (and, as gross as it seems, it helps to know when #2 can usually be expected).

For example:

walks: 7 a.m. (long, #1/#2), 12 p.m. (short, #1), 5 p.m. (long, #1/#2), 10 p.m. (short, #1)

meals: ¼ cup at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

No more than 2 treats per day.

House rules: Just because you're away, doesn't mean Fido gets a pass to sleep on the couch or chase the cat. Make sure your sitter knows what your dog is and isn't allowed to do in the house (and if there's an unfriendly dog in the neighborhood, let he or she know about that, too).

Contact information: Not just yours. Make sure there's a backup person the sitter can call if you're unreachable or if she can't get to your residence for some reason. It's also helpful to leave the name and number of the hotel you'll be staying in.

Your itinerary: This will ensure there's no confusion about what date and time you'll be leaving and returning.

A list of all medications and conditions: If your dog needs to be treated while you're away, the sitter should know of any medical conditions or allergies to report to the vet so that he can get proper treatment. Write them all down—you don't want your sitter telling your vet about your dog's hypothyroidism when he really has hyperadrenocorticism.

Phone numbers, addresses, and driving or metro directions for the local and emergency veterinarians: If anything happens, you don't want valuable time lost.

A credit card and an authorization letter: Leave a credit card in case the dog needs to be taken to the vet, along with a signed letter stating that this person has permission to use your card for your pet's care.

Extra food and (if needed) medication: Make sure you have enough, plus extra in case your return gets delayed, and make sure the sitter knows where they're stored. Also, point out where the leashes, doggie bags, and other supplies are kept.

In Memorium



Mabel Marie (Jinx) Gunville
July 19, 1921- January 27,
20189

She was a founder of the Park Shore Kennel Club and president of AMSC in the 80s. The Merry Makers kennel was established four decades ago by Mabel (Jinx) Gunville in Illinois."

Top winning dog Merry Makers Dynamite "Topper" had a record of three Best in Shows and a dozen Group firsts, frequently owner-handled.

Jinx became an AKC judge of three groups = Working, Herding and Terriers and judged numerous Schnauzer Specialties. She retired at age 85.

Who's a Good Dog? Behind Canine Baby Talk



BY SCOTT WEESE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2019

POSTED IN DOGS, OTHER DISEASES, VACCINATION
Here's a report from Cornell University's Animal Health Diagnostic Center, describing importation of a canine distemper strain that's not been found before in North America.

02/05/2019: (N. America) In early October of 2017, a 12-week old "Sheltie" arrived from Korea. Approximately 12 days later, the dog began with a cough and lethargy with blood work indicating "anemia". About 10 days later, the dog developed a unilateral myoclonus with relapsing lethargy. In another week the neurological signs had progressed to tonic clonic seizures that continued to worsen to a persistent uncontrolled myoclonus at which time the dog was euthanized.

Samples (serum, ocular swab, urine) obtained at 9 days post onset of clinical signs were forwarded to the AHDC for canine influenza virus serology and canine distemper virus RT-PCR testing. The HI serology test indicated no exposure to H3N2 CIV which is the endemic strain of flu A in Korea. However, the RT-PCR tests on the ocular swab and urine were strong positive for canine distemper virus. Attempts were made to isolate the virus from the samples submitted for PCR, but with no success. Our next effort was to try to obtain sequence for virus directly from the nucleic acid used for the RT-PCR assay. This was successful for the F and H genes of CDV. Phylogenetic analyses of the sequences against various clades of CDV, indicated the imported dog was infected with the Asia-1 strain of CDV. We have no information on the existence of this clade of CDV in North America.

While we have been most concerned with the importation of canine influenza virus from Asia to North America by improper procedures by various "rescue" groups, the importation of CDV may be more significant in that CDV once it enters an ecosystem cannot be eradicated even with effective vaccines. Once again the North American dog population is being put at risk by those who have no regard for the importation of foreign animal diseases.

<https://www.wormsandgermsblog.com/2019/02/articles/animals/dogs/new-imported-distemper-strain-in-dogs/>
"...once it enters an ecosystem cannot be eradicated even with effective vaccines.

Are you a dog owner that uses baby talk with your pup? The good news is that you're not alone, and even better news is that there's a scientific reason for doing it!

Speaking in an exaggerated manner, what we know as 'baby talk', is believed to help infants learn how to speak. Baby talk has a different pitch from regular adult speech, words are shorter and simpler and easier to learn as a result.

Some researchers also believe that baby talk plays an important role in building and enhancing the emotional bonds between parents and their babies.

But we're not teaching our dogs to speak so why do we often use baby talk to speak to them and does it make a difference?

A study published last month in the journal *Animal Cognition* suggested that using baby talk with dogs improves their attention and may strengthen the bond between humans and their pets.

A lot of dog owners (ourselves included) speak to our dogs as if they're babies. But this isn't driven by impulse, research studies have shown that baby talk and pet talk are a little different. So the reason we use the doggie version of baby talk is because we're attuned to speak to the level of the animal or person we're talking to, perhaps not even realizing why we do it.

So how is dog talk different to baby talk? There are some important differences between baby talk and the canine version. The biggest of these is that baby talk contains a lot more sentences with specific information, to teach children about language and their environment.

When speaking to our dogs we use four words per sentence while human adult sentences contain around 11 words. The

reason for this is we use commands and ask a lot more questions of our dogs than if we're speaking to a human. We don't expect the dog to answer or learn something from speaking to them.

Interesting baby talk dog facts:
People ask twice as many questions to dogs than other humans, even though they don't expect the dog to answer. 90% of pet-talk is spoken mostly in the present tense because people talk to dogs about what is happening now - twice as much as they do with humans. We're 20 times more likely to repeat ourselves to dogs than we do to humans.

If you're a dog owner who doesn't use baby talk, there's no need to be concerned or feel you need to start! Your dog loves you whether you use baby talk or not. If you do use baby talk, don't be ashamed, there's a scientific reason behind your use of baby talk.



Here's Lookin' at ya!



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