

# Saving Your Pet With CPR

**If there is no breathing and no pulse, begin CPR immediately.**

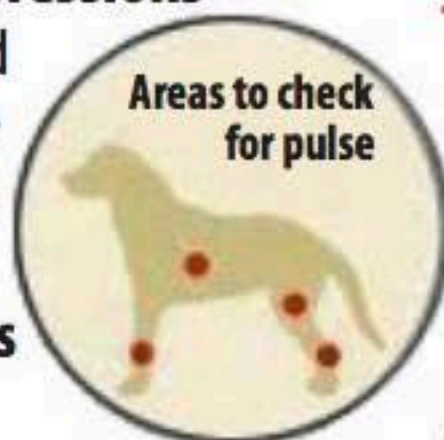
**1 Check for breathing & pulse**  
Check for pulse using middle and index finger below wrist, inner thigh, below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.

**2 Look for other warning signs**

- Gums and lips will appear gray
- Pupils will be dilated

**3 If no pulse, start compressions**  
Lay animal on right side and place hands over ribs where its elbow touches the chest. Begin compressions. **Do not give compressions if dog has a pulse.**

**4 If not breathing, give mouth-to-mouth**  
**Cats & small dogs:** place your mouth over nose and mouth, blow air in.  
**Medium-large dogs:** place your mouth over nose, blow air in.



Gums

Pupils



## Repeat Procedure

- Check pulse after 1 minute and then every few minutes
- Continue giving CPR until animal has a pulse or is breathing
- Stop CPR after 20 minutes



Diagram Source:  
American Red Cross

Animal Size	Compress Chest	Compressions per breath
Under 30 lbs.	1/2 - 1 inch	5
30-90 lbs.	1 - 3 inches	5
Over 90 lbs.	1 - 3 inches	10