

***ALLERGIC REACTIONS- CONTACT OR STINGS*** – As in respiratory emergencies- give diphenhydramine. Remove any stingers; rinse off any foreign substances. Cool compress local areas or, if necessary, the entire dog. If dog starts to show signs of respiratory distress-CALL VET.

***TICKS***-While not a medical emergency the faster they come off the less problems our dogs have from ticks. There are commercial tick removers sold, but most ticks can be removed by using tweezers and gently but firmly pull the tick off (try to grasp the tick close to the dog's skin before pulling). Clean area with hydrogen peroxide. Many dogs have local reactions to where the tick was attached.

***FISH HOOKS / PORCUPINE QUILLS*** - DO NOT TRY TO PULL HOOKS BACK OUT OF THE SKIN. Cut the hook between the skin and the fishing line, and then remove the hook from skin. For porcupine quills, pull straight out (this is usually very painful and the dog may need to be under anesthesia for this procedure). If the quills break off they will eventually migrate out of the skin on their own. CALL VET because there is no such thing as a few quills (and it is very easy to overlook broken off quills that are embedded in the skin).