

Signs Your Dog May Be in Shock

Knowing the signs of shock could help save your dog's life.

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Shock is an acute situation requiring immediate medical attention. It occurs when the cardiovascular system is not properly circulating blood, which can happen following a serious injury or severe illness. Signs of shock in dogs include: Acute onset of fatigue; weakness Decreased body temperature and cold extremities Dilated pupils Lack of responsiveness Light, fluttering heartbeat Pale inner eyelids and pale grayish gums Rapid, shallow breathing

If you believe your dog is experiencing shock, wrap him in a blanket for warmth, keep his lower body elevated, and keep him quiet. Take him to the closest emergency veterinarian, calling ahead so the staff is prepared for your arrival.

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