

Heart Stopping Emergencies- CPR

How to Bring Back the Dead



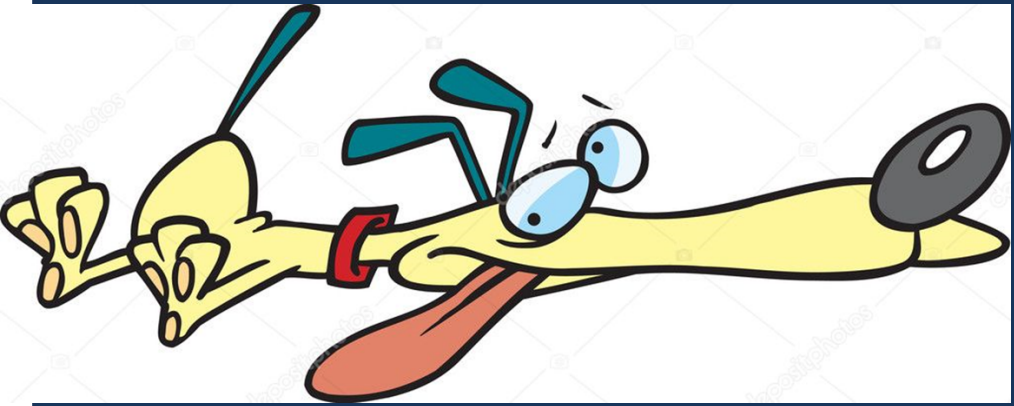
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What is CPR?

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Emergency procedure for reviving heart and lung function, involving special physical techniques and often the use of electrical and mechanical equipment
(dictionary.com)



History of CPR

Humans:

1740 – Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was officially recommended for drowning victims by The French Academy of Sciences in Paris.

1767 – The Society for the Recovery of Drowned Persons became the first organized effort to deal with sudden and unexpected death..

1904 – The first American case of closed-chest cardiac massage was performed

1956 --mouth-to-mouth resuscitation invented

1960 – Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was developed

1966 –American Health Association establish standardized training and performance standards for CPR.

1972 – World’s first mass citizen training in CPR in Seattle, Washington He helped train over 100,000 people the first two years of the programs.

2008 – Hands-Only CPR (or Compression Only CPR) is introduced as a way to get bystanders to provide compressions if they have witnessed an arrest. The goal here is to get people involved.

Pets:

1961- First Published Article of CPR in Animals

2012- The American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Developed the first set of guidelines called RECOVER



What are the chances?

-CPR (in humans), especially if administered immediately after cardiac arrest, can double or triple a person's chance of survival (cpr.heart.org)

-CPR (in animals) if performed correctly is effective and the patient will be discharged from the hospital ONLY 6-7% of the time.

-If arrest happens during anesthesia it is a 50% chance of discharge

-Seconds count though!



Risks associated with CPR

Rib Fracture 1.6%
Muscle Damage 1.4%
Chest Pain 11.7%





Kinds of CPR

Red – Do not Resituate

Yellow- CPR

Green- Open Chest CPR
(rarely done)



Do Not Resituate

Doesn't mean we aren't going to do everything up to the point of coding



CPR

-Also known as Basic Life support

-Compressions and Ventilation

-This is the step that most owners understand, and that any practice can do

-Goes hand in hand with ALS



Open Chest CPR

- Advanced Life Support (ALS)
- Drug administration, ECG, Defibrillation and Open chest CPR
- Some parts of ALS can be done in Regular practice
- It is best if ALS and BLS are done simultaneously and promptly
- Open chest CPR works best with giant breeds, pericardial disease, Plural Disease, and patients already in surgery



Circulatory System

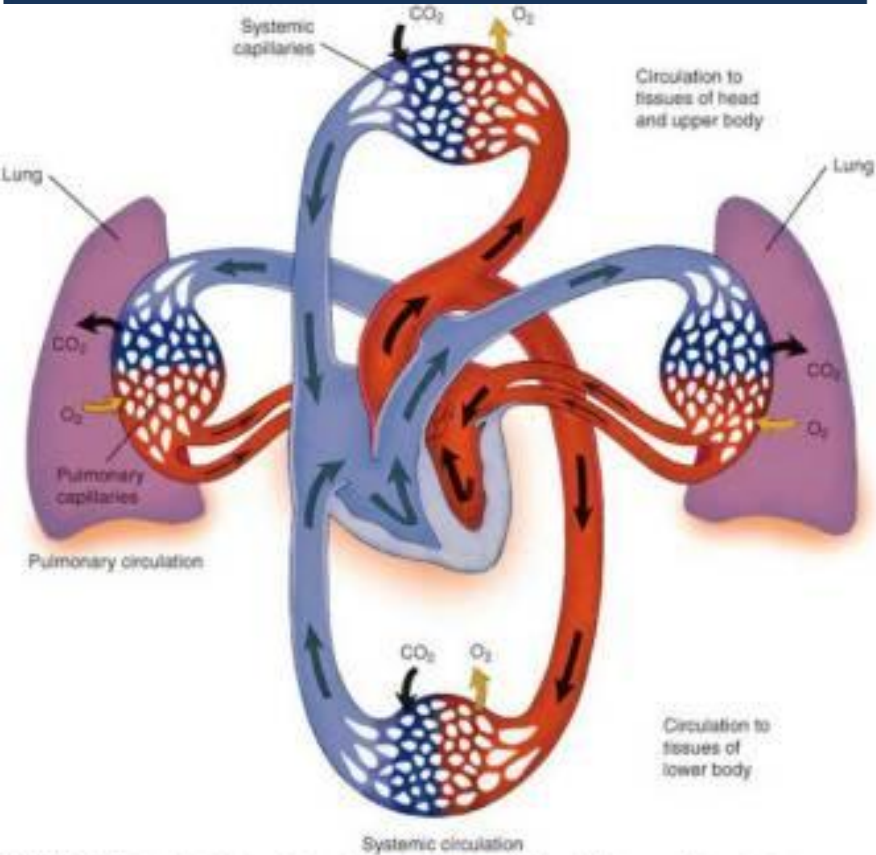


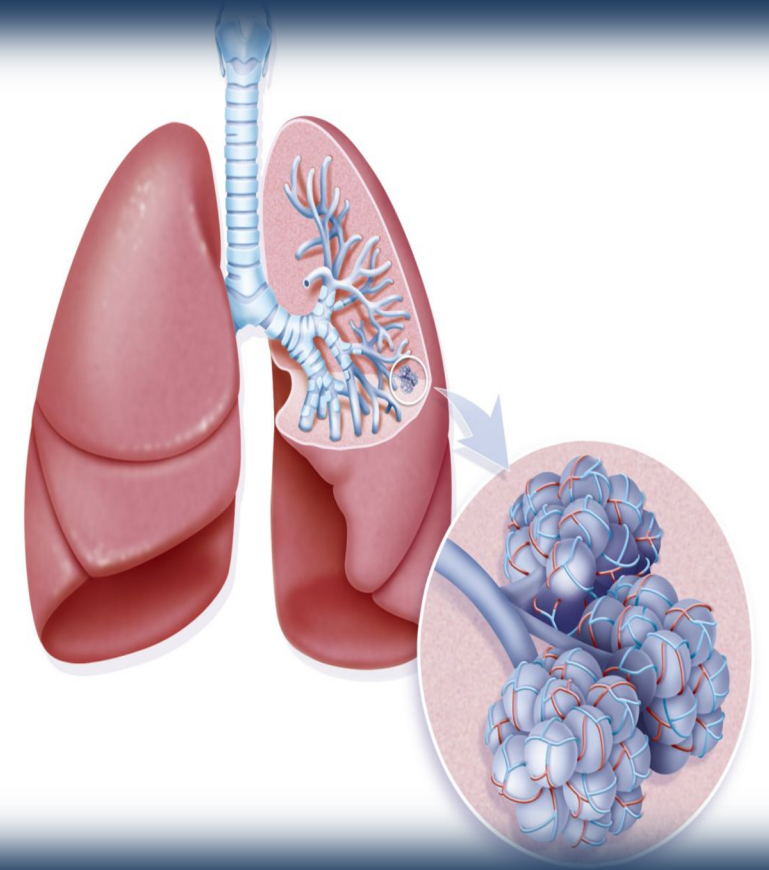
FIGURE 9-6 Generalized circulatory pathways between the heart, lung, and extremities.
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- ~ Deoxygenated blood from body comes back to right side of the heart
- ~ Deoxygenated blood goes to Lungs in the Pulmonary artery
- ~ Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide transferred
- ~ Oxygen rich blood returns to the Left side of the heart through the Pulmonary Vein
- ~ Oxygen rich blood goes through the left side of the heart to the Aorta
- ~The Aorta takes oxygen rich blood to the body tissues
- ~The Caudal Vena Cava, Coronary veins, and Cranial Vena Cava return Deoxygenated blood to the heart



Respiratory System

- ~Diaphragm and muscles contract (inhale)-which causes the chest cavity volume to increase and cause negative pressure to generate
- ~The negative pressure then pulls the lungs outward increasing negative pressure in the Aveoli
- ~Aveoli then pull oxygen in because of the negative pressure generated (marshmallow in a vacuum)
- ~Diaphragm and muscles relax (exhale)- causes positive pressure to generate
- ~Positive pressure then compresses the Aveloi
- ~This then forces the CO2 out of the blood and into the lungs to be evicted from the body



What Happens During Arrest?

Cardiopulmonary arrest happens when the heart stops.

Immediately the transfer of Oxygen and CO₂ stalls and blood starts to build up in periphery

- This decreases the blood flow to the vital areas
- Because oxygen is not getting transferred vasodilation due to apnea can increase intracranial pressure



Addressing the Client

Worst most stressful part of their day/life

Why is this happening?

What caused it?

What is CPR?

What are the chances?

Ask for a VERY brief history of what lead up to event

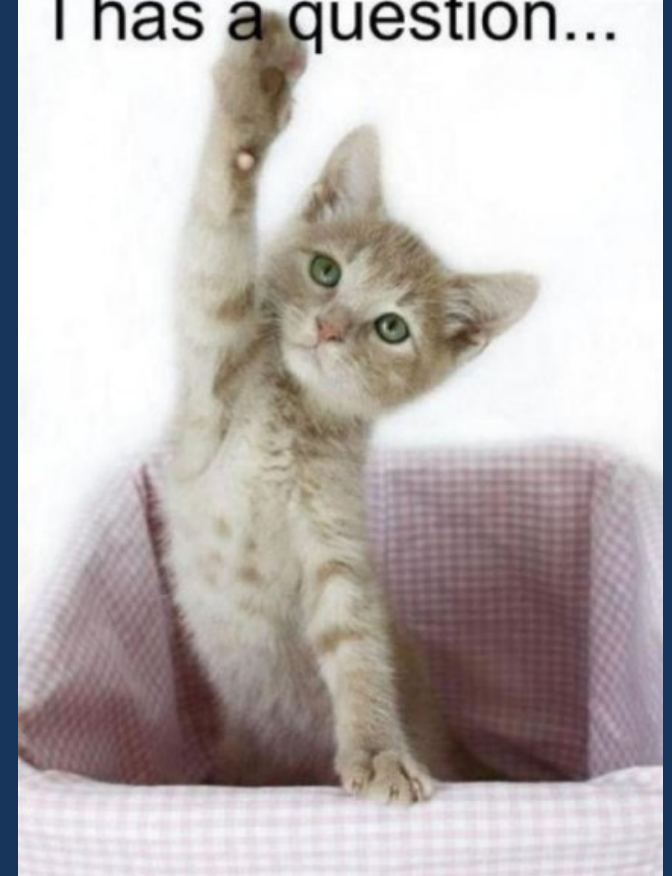
10-15 seconds for responses/questions

-On any medications/ingest anything?

-Recent health problems?

-How long have we been like this?

I has a question...



Checking for Arrest

Needs to be a quick 10 seconds or less

Pulses are not easily identified - studies have shown 2% can correctly identify pluses in 10 seconds or less

ECG can show artifacts – PEA, pulseless VT

ETCO₂- unless already intubated, not fast enough

Doppler- unless already on patient, can take too long

Trust your own eyes and ears



Checking for Arrest

ABC's

AIRWAY - Make sure there is nothing blocking the airway

BREATHING - Is the chest moving (Agonal breathing, isn't breathing)

CIRCULATION - auscultate the heart, feel for beats



If in doubt start CPR



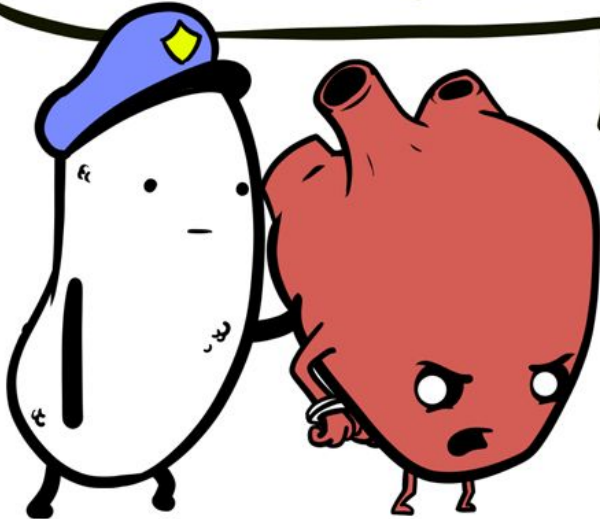
Calling a Code!

Get attention!
Yell, scream, let people know.
Everyone should come running
This is a team event, let them know.

Then move the pet where people can get to it.



...and I would've gotten away with it too, if it weren't for that meddling defibrillator!



Cardiac Arrest

DepressedAlien.com

Starting CPR

CAB

- Compressions
- Airway
- Breathing





CPR

you're doing it wrong.

Start Compressions

Start compressions first and right away!

Don't stop!

Switch out people every 2 minutes
with a 10 second break for
evaluation



How to do: Compressions

- 100-120 / minute (think of a song)
- 1/3rd to 1/2 width of chest
- Make sure not to lean on the chest
- Keep your hands and patient chest under your shoulders

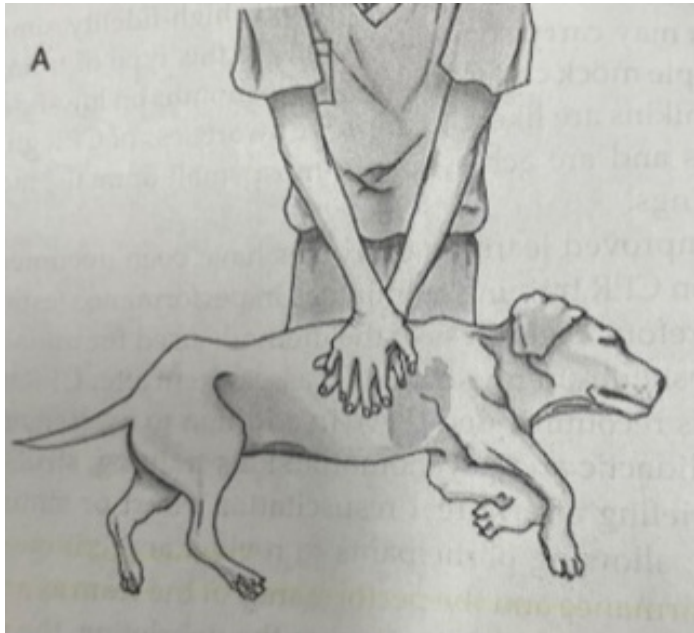


Compressions

Lateral recumbency

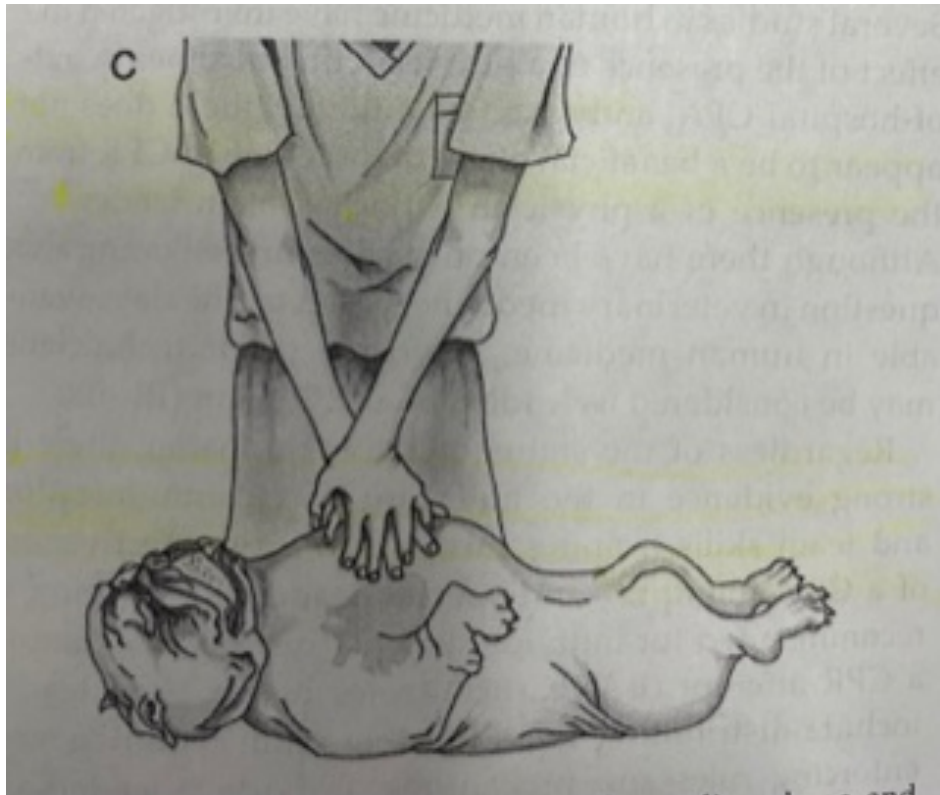
Over heart on: cat, keel chested dogs

Widest part of chest: med,
large, barrel chested, or obese
dogs



Compressions cont.

Dorsal if bulldog



Songs to do Compression to

“Stayin Alive” by the BeeGee’s

Third Eye Blind - Semi-Charmed Life

All American Rejects - Gives You Hell

Michael Jackson - Man In The Mirror

Missy Elliott - Work It

Shakira - Hips Don’t Lie [Featuring Wyclef Jean]

“Another one Bites the Dust” by Queen are popular

Tom Cochrane / Rascal Flatts – Life is a Highway

Backstreet Boys - Quit Playing Games (With My Heart)

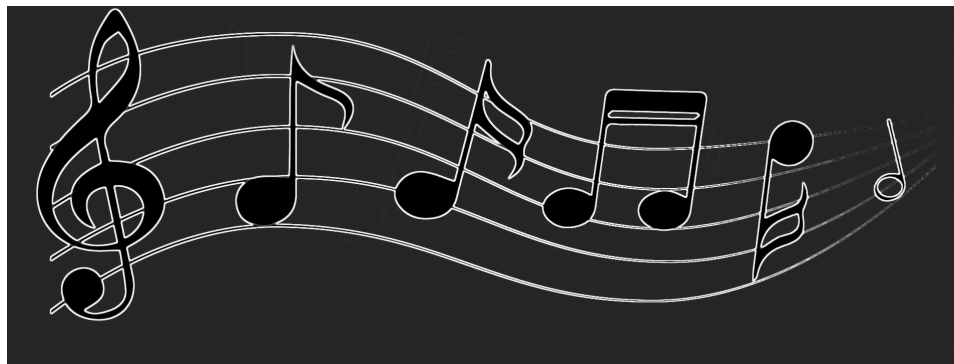
Fall Out Boy - This Ain’t A Scene, It’s An Arms Race

Guns N’ Roses - Paradise City

Ricky Martin - Shake Your Bon Bon



And of course “Baby Shark”



How to do: Breathing

- Intubate
- Inflate cuff to prevent aspiration
- Tie tube in to limit tracheal trauma
- 10 breaths / minute with inspiration of 1 second
 - (1breath/6 seconds)
- If you are the only person Compressions only!
- Mouth to snout can be done by owners
 - 2 breaths/30 compressions



Obtain Intravenous Access

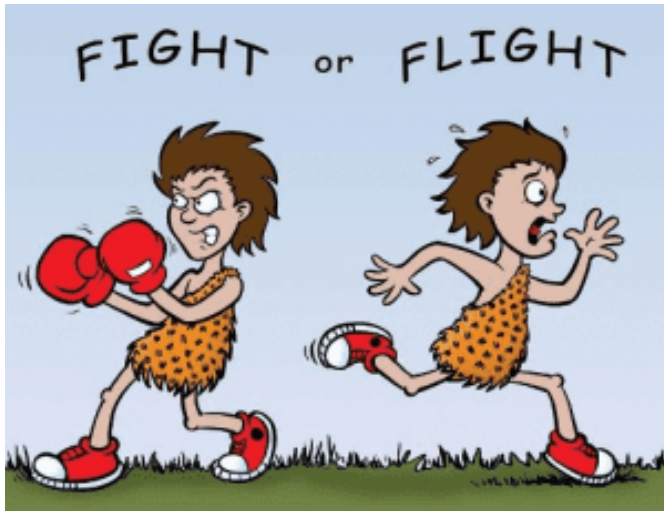
- Cephalic
- Jugular
- Lingual
- Interosseous-best in Neonates
- Saphenous

If IV is unobtainable drugs can go Intratracheal

Can happen while compressions and intubating happen but don't interrupt either to get it to happen



Drugs to be Given



- ~Epinephrine (adrenergic agonist)
 - Increases blood glucose levels and provides energy to the cells
 - Increases peripheral vasoconstriction (alpha) and increased cardiac output (beta)
 - Vasopressin can also be used in place of Epi but it is expensive

- ~Atropine (parasympatholytic anticholinergic)
 - Increases heart rate, decreases mucous and saliva, causes pupil dilation
 - Increases vagal tone (increased success in these cases)



Reversals

Dexmedetomidine



Atipamezole

Benzodiazepines



Flumazenil

Opioids



Naloxone

Xylazine

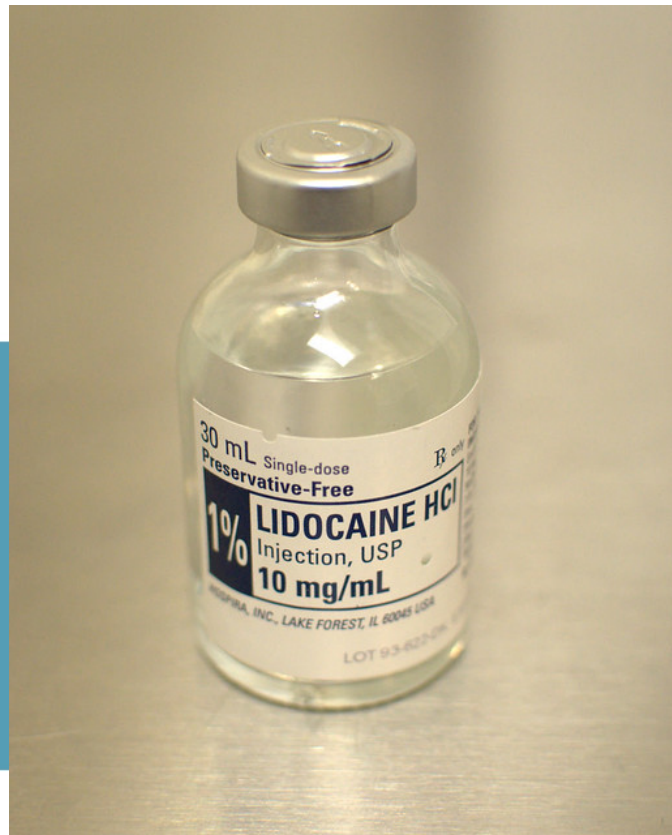


Yohimbine



Additional Drugs

Lidocaine

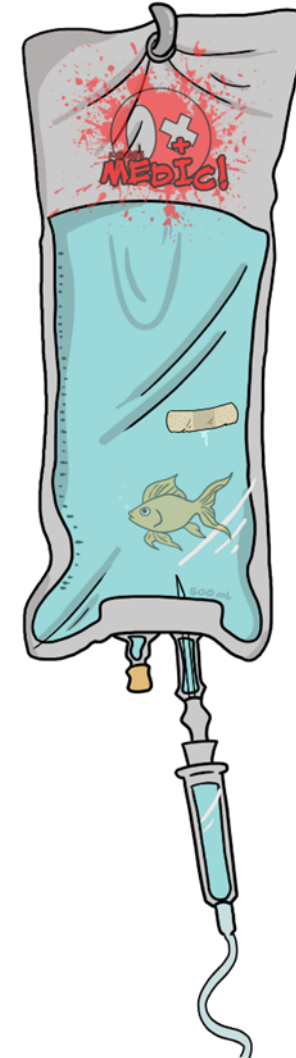


Furosemide



Other Support

- Fluids
- Calcium
- Steroids



CPR Emergency Drugs and Doses



		Weight (kg)	2.5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
		Weight (lb)	5	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
DRUG		DOSE	ml	ml	ml	ml	ml	ml	ml	ml	ml	ml	ml
Arrest	Epi Low (1:1000; 1mg/ml) every other BLS cycle x3	0.01 mg/kg	0.03	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4	0.45	0.5
	Epi High (1:1000; 1 mg/ml) for prolonged CPR	0.1 mg/kg	0.25	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
	Vasopressin (20 U/ml)	0.8 U/kg	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2
	Atropine (0.54 mg/ml)	0.04 mg/kg	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.6	3	3.3	3.7
Anti-Arrhyth	Amiodarone (50 mg/ml)	5 mg/kg	0.25	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
	Lidocaine (20 mg/ml)	2 mg/kg	0.25	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
Reversal	Naloxone (0.4 mg/ml)	0.04 mg/kg	0.25	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
	Flumazenil (0.1 mg/ml)	0.01 mg/kg	0.25	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
	Atipamezole (5 mg/ml)	100 µg/kg	0.06	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
Defib Monophasic	External Defib (J)	4-6 J/kg	10	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200
	Internal Defib (J)	0.5-1 J/kg	2	3	5	8	10	15	15	20	20	20	25

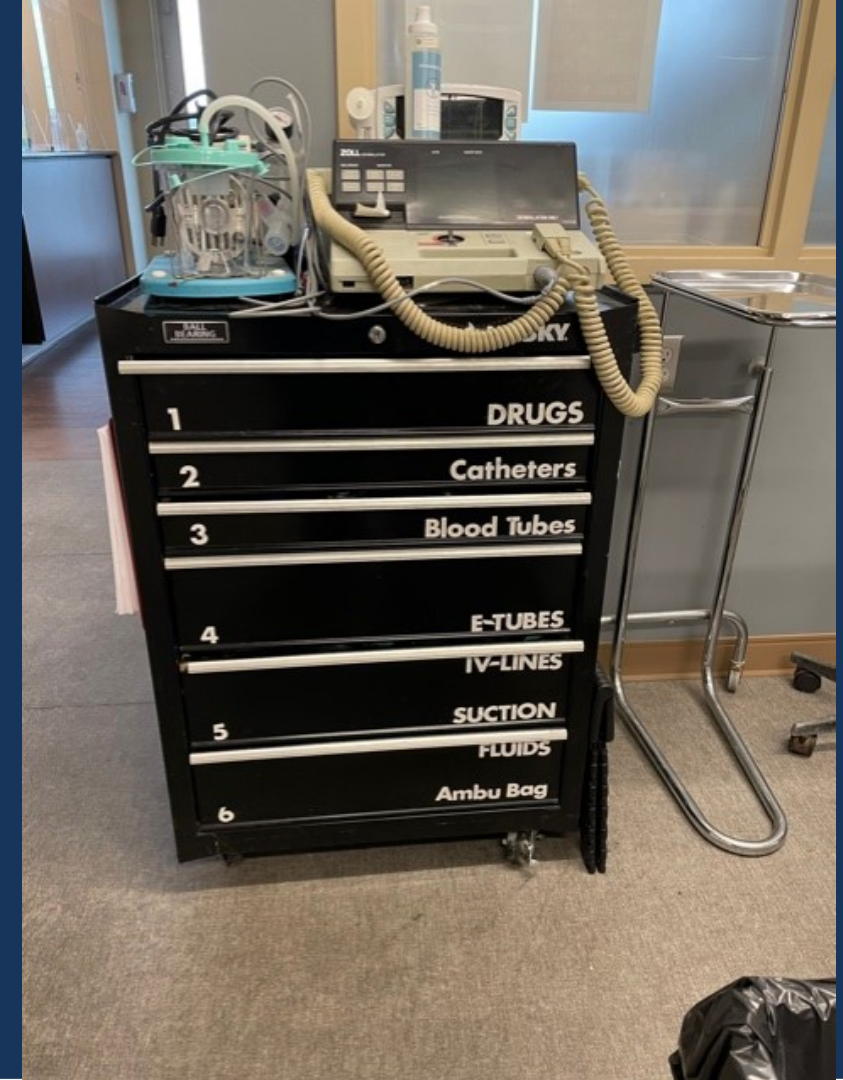
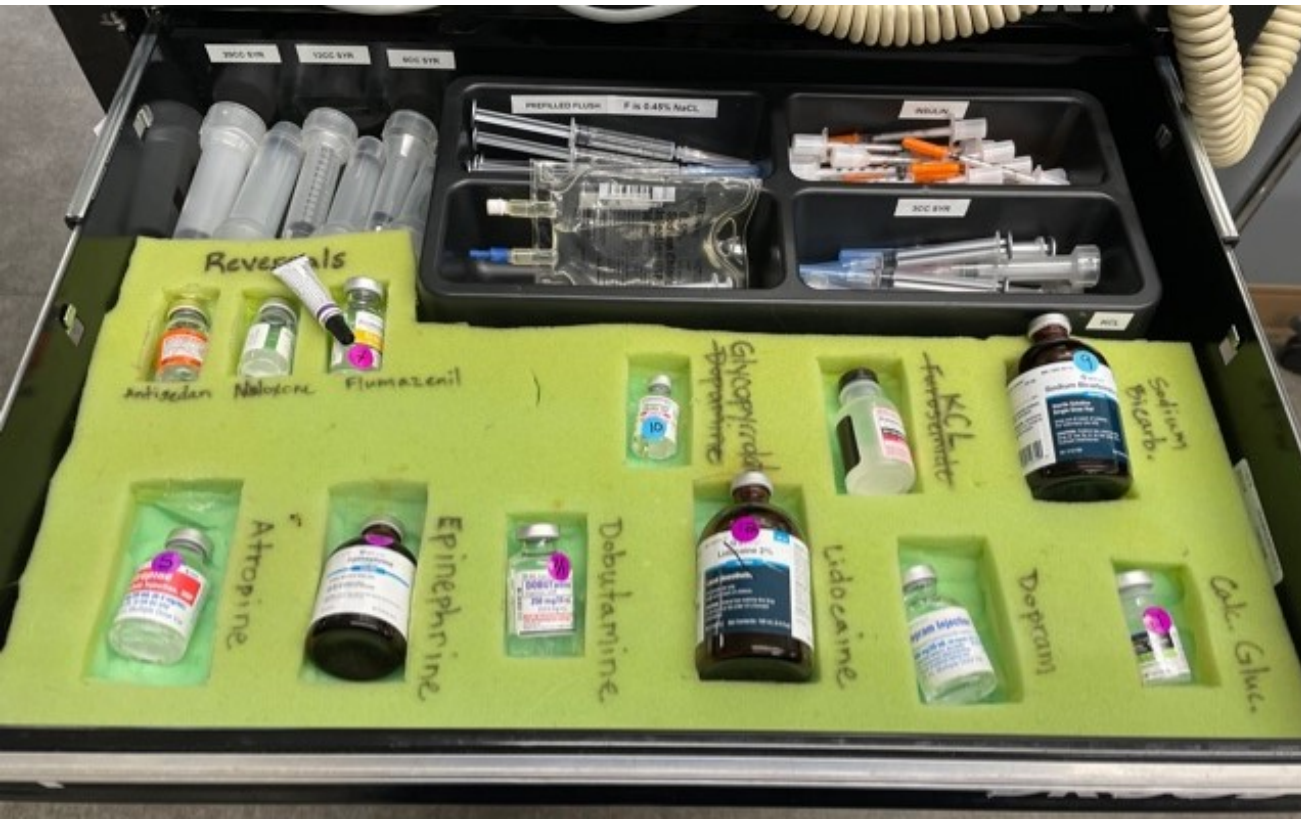
Things to do to Make CPR More Effective

- Crash Carts
- Have a team leader to organize chaos
- Have someone recording and time keeping
- Keep reference sheets nearby for ease
- Closed loop communication
- Debrief afterwards



Crash Cart

Keep it ready
Keep it organized
Restock asap



Crash Cart



Recorder

- To record and keep time
- Dedicated time keeper and recorder
- If it isn't written down it didn't happen



Great Job for the Newbies!



Monitor Equipment



- EKG
- End Title CO2 monitor
- Blood Pressure



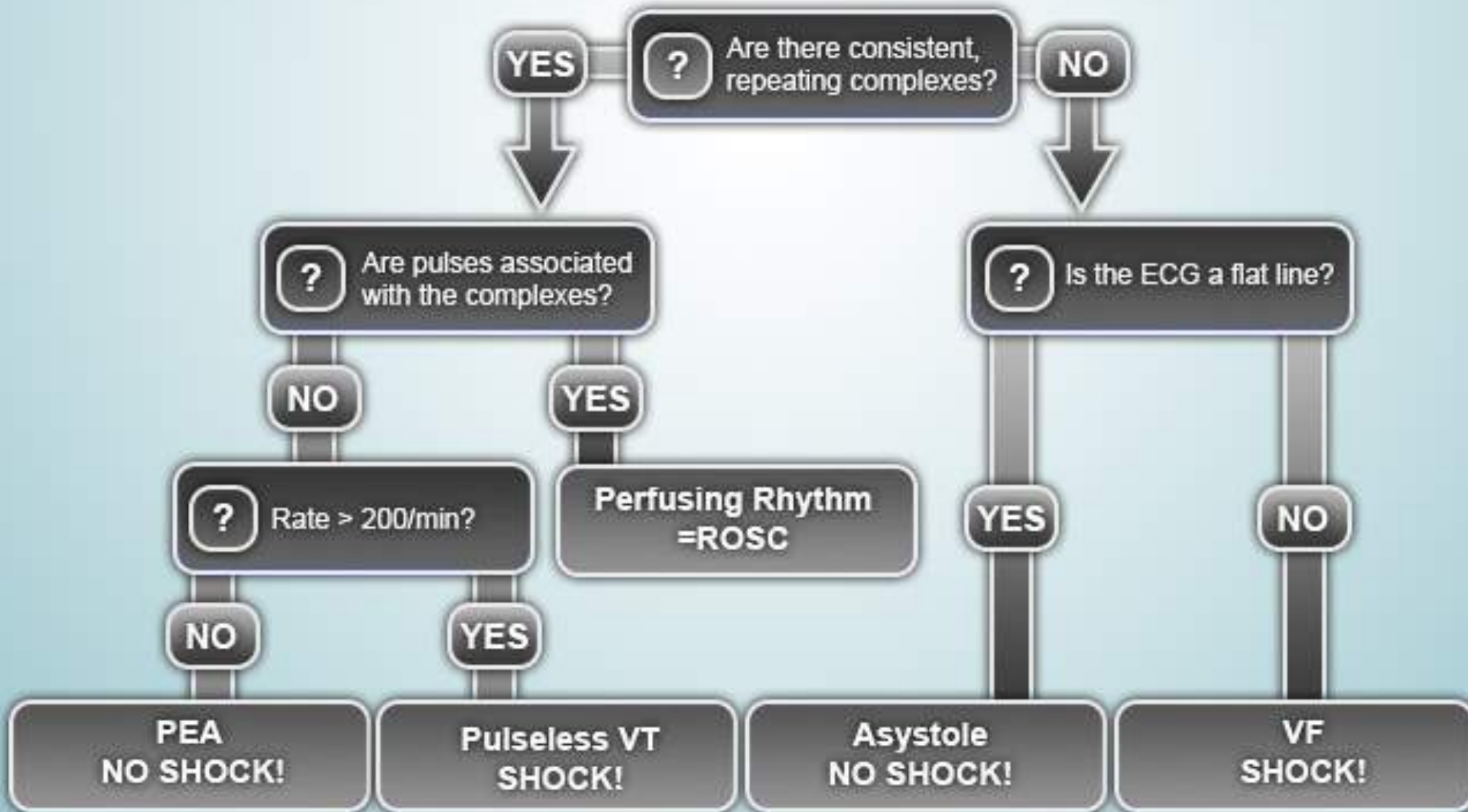
ECG Rhythms



Is the complex repeating?
Is a pulse felt?

Shockable Rhythms are less common in cats and dogs than humans





Defibrillation

The goal of electrical defibrillation is to stop all electrical and mechanical activity in the ventricles

1. Electrical
2. Mechanical
3. Chemical



Defibrillation

Lube up defibrillation pads

Yell **Clear!**

Compressions stop everyone steps back from the patient/ table

Paddles on patient and shock

Immediately start compressions again

Do not use alcohol on ECG clips!

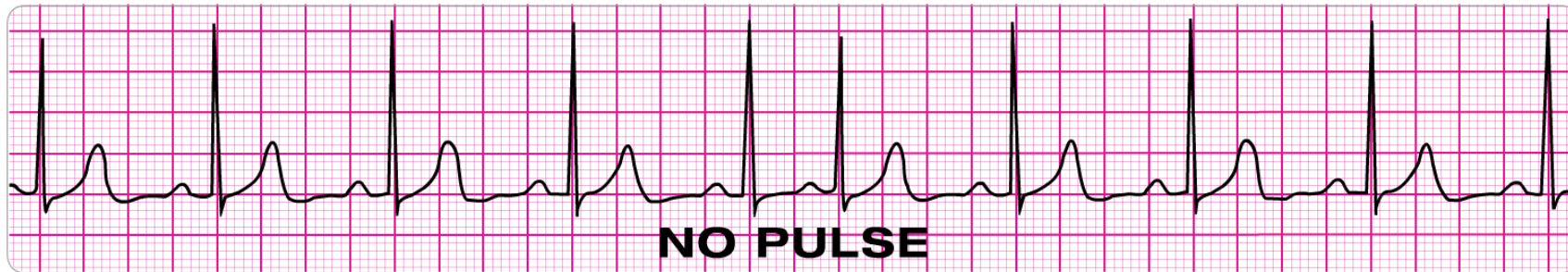


Make sure the person doing the shocking isn't leaning on the table or inadvertently touching the patients leg or body in any way

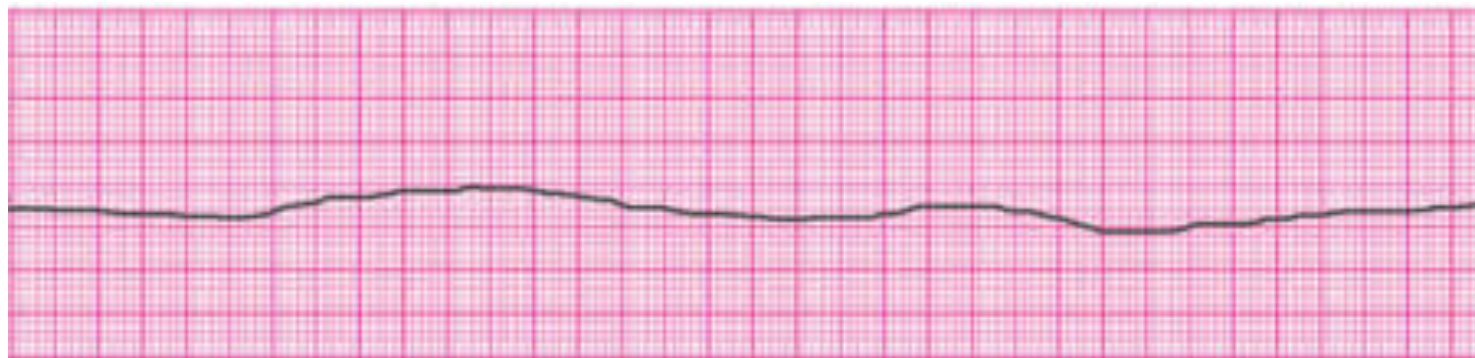


Non Shockable Rhythms

Pulseless Electrical Activity (PEA)



Asystole

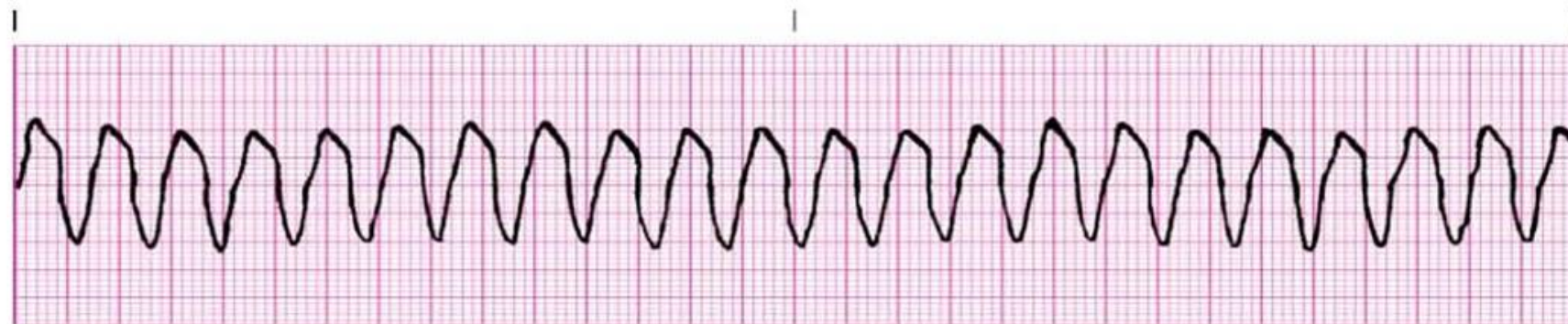


Shockable Rhythms

Ventricular Fibrillation



Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia (VT)



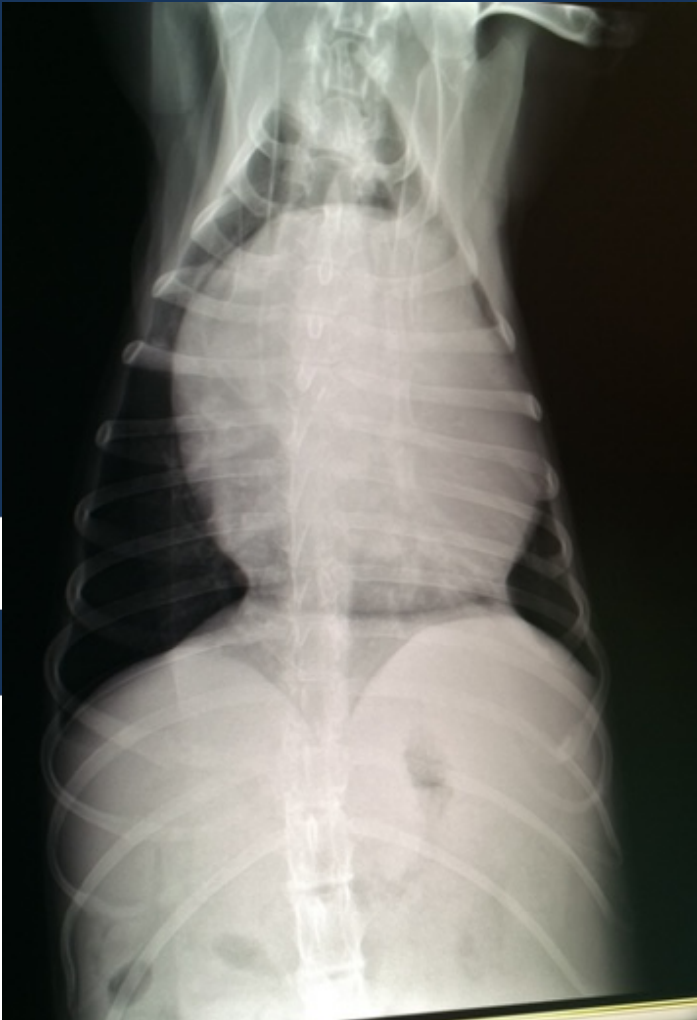
Open Chest CPR

Most effective form of CPR

-Best for some conditions: Pericardial Effusion, Pleural effusion

-Clients have to commit a lot: trauma, recovery, and price

This is best used when patient is already in surgery



Abnormal Cases

Congestive Heart Failure
What to do?

Dump out the patient on way to table

Pericardial Effusion
What to do?

Do a pericardial tap pre-arrest, or if returns



Post Resuscitation Care

Fix what made them arrest the first time



Most likely to re-arrest in 30min - 4 hours



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