

Seizures in dogs

What to do if your dog is having a seizure

We understand that it can be upsetting so below are eight steps to follow if your dog has a seizure



1 Keep calm



2 Make a safe space

If necessary, move your pet into an open space, away from objects or off high places like sofas or beds, so that they can't hurt themselves



3 Dim the lights

Reduce stimulation from lights and TVs

4 Give medication

If your pet has been prescribed medication for you to administer during a seizure, then administer this according to the instructions on the label



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Start a timer + record a video



Record so you know how long the seizure lasts, and the video may provide your vet with additional information

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Keep cool

Avoid environments that may increase your pet's temperature, and do not cover with blankets.

Seizure activity increases body temperature, so we want to avoid increase



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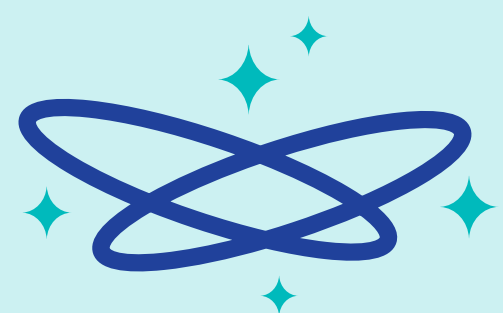
Call your vet

Once the seizure has stopped, or after 2 minutes

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After a seizure

Your pet's behaviour may be abnormal and this may last for several hours



Disorientated



Unsteady on their feet



Loss of vision



Display aggression

Take care when handling your pet after a seizure and be aware of the environment, and ensure they are unable to escape through open doors and windows

If this is the first seizure your dog has suffered, or if they don't come out of it quickly...

Phone your vet immediately, or if out-of-hours, your nearest Vets Now clinic

