

BLOAT

The Killer



This beautiful dog, Beau, would have died in November 2008 if his owners hadn't recognised that he had the dreaded bloat and rushed him to the vet immediately.

If you experience a combination of the following:

- Your dog retches from the throat but nothing is produced, other than a small amount of frothy mucus
- Your dog tries to defaecate unsuccessfully
- Your dog adopts the 'Sphinx' position
- Your dog's tummy goes hard and / or swells up like a balloon and is as taut as drumskin
- Your dog is trying to bite, or worry, the abdomen
- Your dog is very unsettled

CONTACT YOUR VET IMMEDIATELY. Bloat is a true emergency - be prepared to drive to the surgery straightaway. The chance of survival decreases alarmingly if you delay getting the dog to the surgery more than 60-90 minutes after the first signs.

So whether you're about to catch a plane, serve a meal to your family or go to bed - **DON'T.** Instead take your dog to the vet.

It could save your dog's life.

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