

## Snakebite



**1**

Make sure to try and identify the type of snake that bit your cat so that you can describe it to the vet

Rattlesnake - reddish snake with a distinct rattle at the back

Copperhead Snake- red-brown coloring with hourglass markings 2 1/2ft - 4ft long

Water Moccasin/  
Cottonmouth Snake - Dark brown to black, 4-6ft long usually found near water like a swamp or stream, has a white mouth

Coral Snake - yellow bands next to red bands "red next to yellow kills a fellow"

**2**

Make sure your cat was bit by looking for swelling and two small cuts from the fangs, be advised that symptoms sometimes don't show up for 7 hours

**3**

Keep your cat as calm and still as possible and avoid any movement

**4**

Place your cat in a pet carrier or box and get her to a vet, make sure the A/C is on high in the car to slow down blood circulation

**5**

Remove the collar in case of swelling so she doesn't choke



**6**

Rinse the bite wound with water to wash away any surface venom while driving to the vet



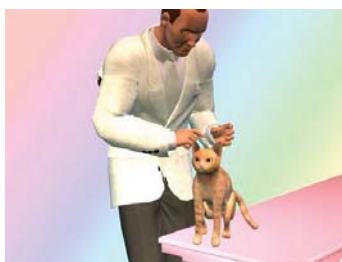
**7**

Place a cold pack on the wound to slow blood circulation and prevent spread of poison for 15 min on and 15 min off



**8**

Try to lower the bitten area under the level of his heart to slow circulation of venom



**9**

If you can not get to a vet within 1 hour and the bite is on the leg or tail apply a bandage by wrapping a small towel around the limb and cover it with an ice pack and an ace bandage



DO NOT allow your cat to move around a lot as moving around will cause the venom to spread



DO NOT try to kill or capture the snake as it could attack you



DO NOT tie the towel too tight around the limb or you could completely stop circulation, make sure it is snug



If you have a vacuum pump from a snakebite kit use it within 3 min of the bite



Try to identify the snake that bit your cat so you can describe it to the vet



If she was bitten by a poisonous snake you have to get her to a vet or hospital, the more time that elapses between an injection of antivenin and the bite, the less effective the antivenin is



Even though a poisonous snake is killed or decapitated it can still poison your pet

