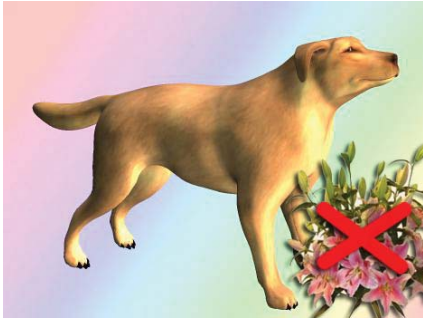


## Anaphylactic Shock



**1** If possible, remove the inciting cause of the allergy if known.



**2** If your dog is still able to eat and swallow, administer diphenhydramine (Benadryl) allergy tablets by mouth (1mg per pound of body weight)



**3** If your pet is non-responsive and has stopped breathing, be prepared to give artificial respiration by closing your dog's mouth with one or two hands and gently breathe into your dog's nostrils.



**4** Administer 5-10 breaths per minute for large dogs and 10-20 breaths per minute for small dogs. With each breath, one should see the chest slightly rise.



**5** Keep breathing for your dog until he/she is able to breathe on its own or until veterinary help is available.



**6** Check that your dog's heart is still beating by feeling for the heart on your dog's chest and/or feeling for your dog's pulse. (The pulse is easily felt in the femoral artery located on the inside of the thigh.)



**7** If no pulse or heart beat is felt, begin CPR.



**8** Treat if signs of shock. Cover with a WARM blanket if COLD. Apply cold compresses to the chest and abdomen if HOT. Rub 1-2 drops of dextrose syrup (Karo Syrup) or honey on your pet's gums.



**9** Seek veterinary help immediately.



Pets can die from shock in 10-20 minutes



Signs of shock may include weakness, collapse, pale or grey colored gums, irregular breathing, high heart rate, weak pulse and body temperature changes (e.g. very cold or very hot).



Remove collar off your pet or anything that might restrict breathing



Pull your dog's tongue slightly forward and extend your dog's head and neck so that they are reasonably aligned to make breathing easier



Avoid breathing too hard or over inflating the lungs