

## Fishhook Injury



**1** You will have to restrain your dog first, if it is a small dog restrain it by grabbing the scruff of his neck with one hand and the hind feet with the other



**2** If it is a large dog you will have to kneel beside him and put one arm under and around your dog's chest and your other arm around his neck



**3** If the barb of the hook has passed all the way through the flesh so you can see it use a pair of wire cutters to clip it off close to the skin



**4** You may then gently back the hook out



**5** If the barb has not passed all the way through and is deeply imbedded take your dog to the veterinarian. He or she will sedate your dog and push the hook through the skin and remove it. This procedure is painful and should not be attempted without sedation.



**6** Once you can see the barb cut it off with the wire cutters and remove it as close to the skin and then gently back the hook out



**7** Swab the site of hook penetration with an antiseptic cleanser mixture such as 1 part iodine and 3 parts water.



If the hook is in the throat or the mouth take him for immediate medical attention



If he is not having any difficulty breathing muzzle him so that he does not bite you unless the muzzle will disturb the location of the hook



If the hook is embedded too deeply take him to the vet and have the vet remove the hook



Most mouth wounds will heal quickly without further action



If there is a foot wound clean it a couple of times a day with gauze pads and Betadine Skin Cleanser until it heals