

# Quick Reference Guide For GDV

## BLOAT

Vet's Emergency Telephone Number...

	What Is Happening	What The Dog Does	What You Should Do	Treatment
<p>Stress ▶▶▶</p> <p>Excitement ▶▶▶</p> <p>Vigorous Exercise ▶▶▶</p> <p>Large Meals ▶▶▶</p> <p>Long Drink ▶▶▶</p> <p>Swallowed Air ▶▶▶</p> <p>Familial Tendency ▶▶▶</p>	<p>Stomach function is normal.</p> <p>Gas accumulates in the stomach but the stomach does not empty as it should.</p>	<p>Dog behaves as usual.</p> <p>Seems slightly uncomfortable.</p>	<p>Keep the dog quiet; Do not leave the dog alone; Give Antacid if your vet agrees.</p> <p>Be aware of Phase I symptoms.</p>	<p>During this period the dog may recover without going on to develop Gastric Volvulus.</p>
<p><b>PHASE I</b></p> <p><b>GDV</b></p>	<p>Stomach starts to dilate. (Gastric Dilatation)</p> <p>Stomach twists. (Gastric Volvulus)</p>	<p>Anxious, restless, pacing; Trying to vomit-may bring up stiff white foam but no food; Salivating; Abdomen may be swollen.</p>	<p>Call your vet, tell him what you suspect and why.</p> <p>Take the dog to the vet without further delay.</p>	<p>During this period the dog may recover if your vet releases the pressure with a stomach tube.</p>
<p><b>PHASE II</b></p> <p><b>GDV</b></p>	<p>Blood supply to part of stomach is cut off. Stomach tissue is damaged.</p> <p>Portal vein, vena cava and splenic vein become compressed and twisted. Spleen becomes engorged. Shock begins to develop</p>	<p>Very restless; whining &amp; panting; Salivating copiously; Tries to vomit every 2-3 min; Stands with legs apart &amp; head hanging down; Abdomen swollen &amp; sounds hollow if tapped; Gums dark red; Heart rate 80-100 beats/min; Temperature raised (104°F)</p>	<p>Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why.</p> <p>Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.</p>	<p>During this period the vet will need to relieve the stomach pressure, start an intravenous drip and perform surgery to untwist the stomach.</p>
<p><b>PHASE III</b></p> <p><b>GDV</b></p>	<p>Spleen and stomach tissue become Necrotic.</p> <p>Shock now very severe.</p> <p>Heart failure develops.</p> <p>Shock now irreversible.</p> <p>Death</p>	<p>Unable to stand or stands shakily with legs apart; Abdomen very swollen; Breathing shallow; Gums white or blue; Heart rate over 100 beats/minute; Pulse very weak; Temperature drops (98°F)</p>	<p>Death is imminent.</p> <p>Get someone to tell your vet you are your way and why.</p> <p>Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.</p>	<p>As well as doing everything above, the vet will need to remove part of the stomach and the spleen. He will also need to use powerful drugs to counteract shock.</p> <p>It is no longer possible to save the dog's life.</p>