



- **Bleeding heavily** - apply pressure with a dry, clean dressing and go straight to your vets.
- **Areas of skin missing** - cover the wound with a clean, dry dressing and go straight to your vets. If your pet seems painful when you try to cover the wound or you don't have a dressing available then don't try to cover the area as you may cause more damage.
- **Snakebite** - put an ice pack (wrapped in a towel) on the bite, and take your pet straight to the nearest vets.

### Step three: Flush the wound

- If your dog has a small bite wound that isn't bleeding heavily, flush it with lukewarm, salty water\* to remove as much bacteria as possible. Rinse for as long as your dog will tolerate.
- *\*Make salt water by adding 1 teaspoon of salt to a pint of cooled (previously boiled) water, see image below.*

### Step four: Book an appointment with your vet

- Bite wounds should always be checked by a vet because they are often more serious than they look, and are likely to get infected.



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