

- If necessary, use a blanket, board or towel to help move them.

Call your vet

- Call your vet for advice.

If your pet has a life-threatening problem

- Such as trouble breathing or heavy bleeding, take them to the vet ASAP.
- Call your vet while you are on your way to let them know you are coming.

Symptoms

Severe pain is usually obvious, but some pets try to hide it as much as they can. Some of the common symptoms of being in pain include:

- Crying
- Rapid breathing
- Lying very still/being rigid
- Protecting an area of their body
- Growling or hissing, especially when touched
- [Tooth grinding \(especially rabbits\)](#)
- Wide pupils

Possible causes

There are many different things that can cause pain including:

- [Wounds](#)
- [Broken bones](#)
- Internal injuries
- Bloating
- Burns
- [Bone cancer](#)
- Spinal problems such as a slipped disc
- [Pancreatitis](#)

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