HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHOKING DOG

SIGNS OF CHOKING
- Gasping and coughing
- Gagging
- Retching in attempt to expel the object
- Bringing its paw to the mouth
- Eyes bulging

METHODS FOR SMALL DOGS

USE GRAVITY
Hold your dog by the hips, support his upper torso & turn him upside down with his face facing the ground.
This position may help to dislodge the object.

DO THE HEIMLICH
a) Hold your dog with his back up against your body so his face is facing up towards the ceiling.
b) Close your fists together & find the soft spot just below the rib cage.
c) Compress his abdomen inwards & upwards for 5 times in quick succession. (Count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
d) Check, sweep the mouth again to see if object is dislodged & remove it.
Repeat compressions if object is not dislodged.

TRY SHARP BLOW
For dogs of any size
If object is still stuck, give him a sharp tap between his shoulder blades using the palm of your hand.

FOR DOGS OF ANY SIZE
Open your dog’s mouth, pull his tongue forward. Use your finger to sweep from side to side to see if you can dislodge the object.

*Do not push the object further into the throat.
** Be careful not to get bitten.

FOR MEDIUM/BIG DOGS
If your dog is lying down
a) Lay your dog to his side & kneel behind him with your knees against his back.
b) Position your dog’s neck & head forward.
c) Press one fist against the soft spot of his abdomen just below the rib cage.
d) Compress this spot towards you & towards your dog’s head for 5 times in quick succession. (Count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
e) Check, sweep the mouth again to see if object is dislodged & remove it.
Repeat compressions if object is not dislodged.

For medium/big dogs
If your dog is able to stand
Repeat compressions if object is not dislodged.

*NOTE: If all these methods fail to dislodge the object, rush your dog to the nearest vet immediately!