

Canine Bloat



Canine Bloat_001

Canine Bloat
(gastric torsion or gastric dilatation-volvulus)

is ...



Canine Bloat_002

... an emergency-type
disorder most often seen in large,
deep-chested breeds



Canine Bloat_003

Bloat is triggered by a
food-digestion
problem



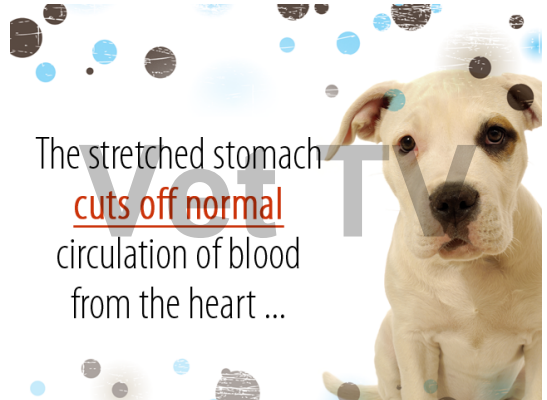
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Gases multiply
quickly in the stomach
blowing it up like a
balloon



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The stretched stomach
cuts off normal
circulation of blood
from the heart ...



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... which in turn
causes cell death or
necrosis



Canine Bloat_007

In the process
the stomach twists
at the top of the
esophagus ...



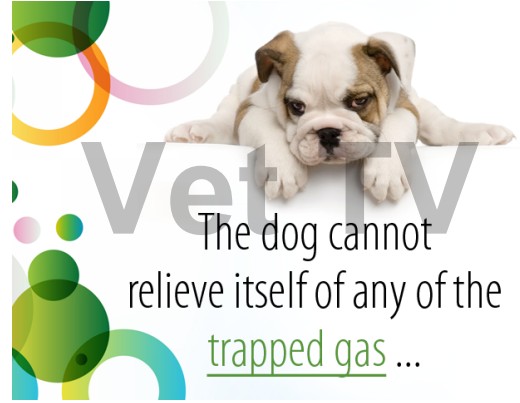
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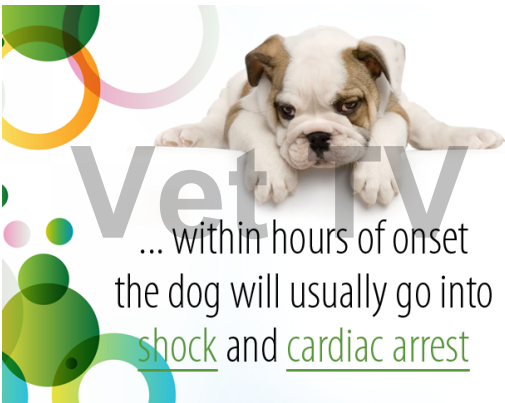
... and at the bottom
of the stomach
trapping gas
inside

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The dog cannot
relieve itself of any of the
trapped gas ...

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... within hours of onset
the dog will usually go into
shock and cardiac arrest

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Other symptoms include :

- drooling
- nausea
- stretching or gagging but an inability to vomit

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Causes are uncertain,
but research indicates eating
a large meal once
daily ...

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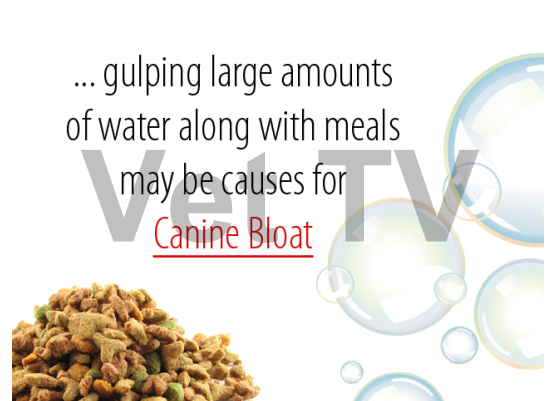
... rigorous exercise
immediately following
a meal ...

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... dry food high in grain
triggering fermentation
during digestion,
or ...

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... gulping large amounts
of water along with meals
may be causes for
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Bloat is believed to be hereditary and seen more often in older male dogs



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Dogs with fearful and/or aggressive temperaments also appear to be prime candidates



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Emergency treatment involves inserting a tube down the throat which ...



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... if unobstructed will clear a way for the gas to escape



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If the stomach is highly distorted then surgery is the only choice



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Even if immediate relief is achieved surgery may still be recommended to ...



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... assess damage and determine if parts of the stomach need to be removed



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If you own a large, deep-chested dog you should have Mylanta Gas or ...



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... Gas-X at home to buy
you a little time until you
reach the veterinary
hospital

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