

## Bloat Information

Thank you for watching our dog while we are away. Because our dog may be at risk of bloat, we need for you to be aware of the following. Bloat is the #2 killer of dogs after cancer, and your actions may save our dog's life.

**Number Where We Can Be Reached:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Things to Do:

- No vigorous exercise an hour before or after eating
- No water an hour before or after eating
- Limit dog biscuits
- Meals should be as stress-free as possible

### Symptoms:

If the any following symptoms occur, please take our dog to the Vet **IMMEDIATELY**. (Bloat can kill in hours, sometimes even minutes.) **Better to be wrong than take a chance! We will happily pay all Vet costs, even if it turns out not to be bloat.**

- Repeated unsuccessful attempts to throw up (every 5-20 minutes)
- Bloated abdomen that feels tight like a drum
- Foamy mucous around the lips or vomiting foamy mucous
- Looking at side, hunched up appearance, refuses to lie down, or other indicators of abdominal discomfort
- Gagging, licking the air, or heavy, rapid, or shallow breathing
- Dark red, white, or blue gums
- Acts extremely weak and may stand spread-legged
- Extremely anxious and restless; doesn't act like normal self

### Our Vet:

- **Please call the Vet (phone number & address follow)**
- **Tell them our dog may be experiencing bloat and you're bringing the dog in right away**
- **Tell them it is an emergency and you will need to see a Vet as soon as you arrive.**
- **If our vet cannot be reached, please call BEVS at 802-863-2387. They are open 24/7.**

Vet Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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