### Quick Reference Guide for GDV [Bloat]

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#### What Happening

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#### Stomach Function

- **Phase I**
  - **Stomach Starts to Dilate** (Gastric Dilatation)
  - Anxious, Restless / Pacing
  - Call your vet, tell him what you suspect and why
  - Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible

- **Phase II**
  - Stomach Twists (Gastric Volvulus)
  - Very restless
  - Salivating copiously
  - Salivating
  - Gums dark red
  - Heart rate 80 - 100 beats/Min
  - Temperature raised (104°F)
  - Unable to stand or stands shakily with legs apart
  - Abdomen very swollen
  - Breathing shallow
  - Gums white or blue
  - Heart rate over 100 beats/Min
  - Pulse very weak
  - Temperature drops (98°F)
  - Death is imminent
  - Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why
  - Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible

- **Phase III**
  - Spleen and stomach tissue become necrotic
  - Shock now very severe
  - Heart failure develops
  - Shock now irreversible
  - Death

#### Treatment

- During this period, the dog may recover without going on to develop gastric volvulus
- During this period, the dog may recover if your vet releases the pressure with a stomach tube
- During this period, the vet will need to relieve the stomach pressure, start an intravenous drip and perform surgery to untwist the stomach
- As well as doing everything above, the vet will need to remove part of the stomach and the spleen. He will also need to use powerful drugs to counteract shock
- It is now no longer possible to save the dog's life