

RATTLESNAKE REMOVAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION



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- **What to do if you see a rattlesnake in your home or yard.** For the safety of everyone involved and proper rattlesnake removal you must leave it alone. Get into a safe area away from the snake and observe it. You will have to keep an eye on the snake until an Animal Control Officer arrives. This is done for their safety so that they know exactly where the rattlesnake is when they arrive for removal. Once you are at a safe distance call the Inland Valley Humane Society Emergency Line (909) 594-9858.
- **It is *CRITICALLY IMPORTANT* that you leave the rattlesnake alone.** Do not harass it, try to kill it, or decapitate it. If the animal is threatened it will become aggressive. Rattlesnakes cannot hear but they can see very well and feel vibrations. Again, immediately back up away from the rattlesnake and from a safe distance observe the snake until an Animal Control Officer arrives.
- **Rattlesnake Characteristics:** The above photos are of 3 common rattlesnakes in the area. A rattlesnake is the only native venomous snake in Southern California. All other snakes are non-venomous. A rattlesnake will always have a rattle at the end of its tail. Rattlesnakes are known to protect their rattles at all costs. Sometimes the rattles get damaged or break so they are a little harder to see. Rattlesnake heads are wide, muscular and triangle shaped. A regular snake will have a narrow small head the size of its body. Rattlesnakes do not have round pupils; their pupils are vertical.
- **What *TO DO* if you're bitten by a rattlesnake.** If you are bitten by a rattlesnake, it is important that you limit your mobility and stay calm. You do not want increased blood flow as this will pump venom faster through your body. Rattlesnake bites often result in severe swelling. Remove any jewelry around the site of the bite, these items can cut off blood flow if not removed. Call 911 immediately to be transported to a hospital. Anti-venom is the only treatment that works.
- **What *NOT TO DO*.** Do not use tourniquets, snake bite kits, or ice on the bite. Do not drink liquids, this will increase painful swelling at the site of the bite. Do not drink alcohol, this will thin out your blood, which is what venom also does.
- **What *TO DO* if your pet is bitten by a rattlesnake.** Large dogs typically have more time to get to a veterinarian than small dogs or cats. Remove any items that may constrict blood flow. Carry your pet to your vehicle and transport to a veterinarian immediately!

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LOCAL HOSPITALS WITH ANTIVENOM

POMONA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER (CROFAB)

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626.851.1011

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH (ANAVIP)

11234 ANDERSON ST. LOMA LINDA, CA 92354

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RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM MEDICAL CENTER (ANAVIP)

4065 COUNTY CIRCLE DR., RIVERSIDE, CA 92503

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EAST VALLEY EMERGENCY VET

938 N. DIAMOND BAR BLVD. DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765

909.345.3063

MAR QUEEN PET EMERGENCY & SPECIALTY GROUP

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INLAND VALLEY VETERINARY SPECIALIST & EMERGENCY CENTER

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909.931.7871

EMERGENCY PET HOSPITAL OF GLENDORA

500 S. GLENDORA AVE., GLENDORA, CA 91740

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