

ANIMAL BITE

Routine Medical / Trauma Care

CONTROL ANY BLEEDING IMMEDIATELY.

Treat any open bites per
HEMMORHAGE and OPEN WOUND
protocol.

Treat any closed bites per SOFT
TISSUE INJURY protocol.

Puncture wounds
Bleeding at site
Swelling
Contusions

LATE SIGNS

Warmth / fever at site
Severe swelling
Continued pain
Purulent discharge

QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. When where and how was the patient bitten?
2. What type of animal was it?
3. Location of the animal at this time?
4. Vaccination status of the animal.

STEPS TO COMPLETE

1. Notify Dispatch as soon as possible.
2. Notify Battalion Chief as soon as possible.
3. Notify Animal Control as soon as possible

PATIENT INFORMATION

1. Inquire as to last Tetanus immunization or booster. Advise of need for Tetanus booster or immunization.