

Unit B - Self Study 2

Conducting a Physical Evaluation

In the previous assignment you assessed your ability to respond to different emergency scenarios. In this self-study, you will physically examine a dog. Completing this exercise will help you become comfortable with the process of administering first aid.

You should select a dog who will be comfortable with being touched. You should also have permission from the dog's owner. Be sure to fully explain to the owner what the self-study assignment entails before you begin.

What you'll need:

- A dog

To complete this self-study, work through the following tasks:

Exercise 1

Note the breed, age and size of the dog you will be using for this self-study. Perform the following steps:

- Locate his femoral artery
- Check his pulse
- Count his respiratory rate

Exercise 2

Depending on the breed of the dog you are examining, identify the followings parts of his body:

- Examine his airway
- Isolate his diaphragm
- Locate his ribcage
- Locate his heart