AUSTRALIA PET EMERGENCY FRIDGE CARD (QLD, NT, NSW, WA)

Dog Cane Toad Poisoning First Aid

Pin to your fridge. Type or write your local 24-hour emergency vet details in the blank boxes below.

YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY VET CLINIC	24-HOUR VET PHONE NUMBER

IMMEDIATE FIRST AID: ACT WITHIN SECONDS

1. **Wipe sticky toxin out from back to front:** Wrap a damp, wrung-out cloth around your fingers and physically wipe the gums, tongue, and roof of the mouth. Rinse the cloth between wipes and repeat for 5 to 10 minutes.
2. **Never point a hose down the throat:** Forcing water backward pushes bufotoxin and water into the lungs or stomach. If rinsing with gentle running water, tilt the dog's nose downward so water drains forward out of the mouth.
3. **Keep your dog calm and drive to the vet immediately:** Excitement and elevated heart rate speed toxin absorption. Call the clinic en route even if drooling looks mild.

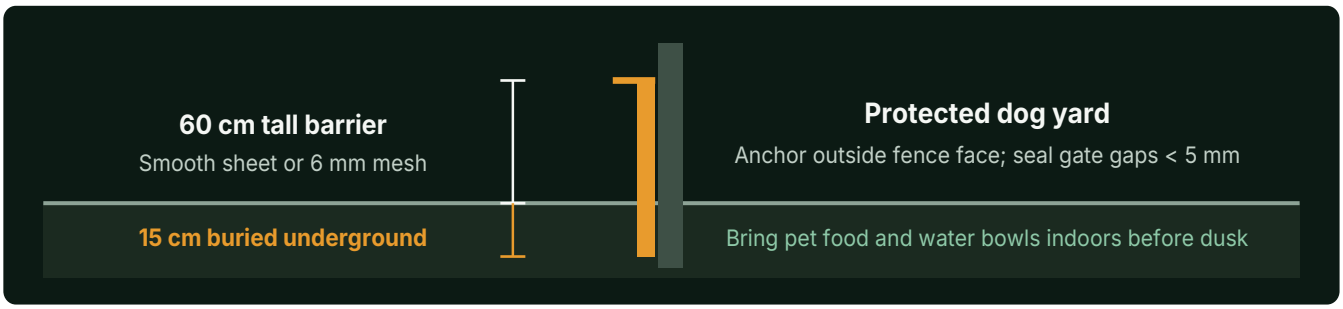
Warning signs of bufotoxin exposure

- **Early signs (minutes):** Profuse foamy drooling, frantic pawing at the mouth, head shaking, bright brick-red gums.
- **Moderate signs:** Vomiting, retching, wide pupils, panting, unsteady walking or wobbliness.
- **Severe emergency:** Muscle tremors, rigidity, rapid or irregular heartbeat, seizures, collapse.

Night-time prevention checklist

- ☐ Sweep damp lawns with a wide-beam torch before evening toilet breaks.
- ☐ Bring dog food and water bowls indoors before dusk every night.
- ☐ Swap cool-white porch globes for yellow bug-shield LED bulbs.
- ☐ Fit a breathable basket muzzle on persistent hunters after rain.
- ☐ Clear pot-plant saucers, leaky taps, and low ground-level clutter.

Permanent defence: 60 cm toad-proof perimeter barrier



Verify before acting: Australia has over 240 native frog species. Always confirm triangular parotoid glands and bony snout ridges at toadtrap.com/au/toad-identification/ before removal.

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