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## First aid for Fido

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There are few more heart-rending situations than losing the family pet, and many die needlessly, because people don't know what to do.

According to the American Animal Hospital Association, simple first-aid could save the lives of one in four injured pets. Robyn Lipschutz, president of In Home Pet Services, has taken the lead to do something about it. She became the only certified PetTech first-aid instructor to offer classes throughout Queens and Long Island.



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**Instructor Robyn Lipschutz demonstrates health assessment technique on a stuffed dog during the first-ever PetSaver class at the Americana Building in Bay Terrace.**

During the first week of July, Lipschutz hosted her very first PetSaver class at the Americana Building, 17-85 215th Street in Bay Terrace.

Lipschutz conducted the four hour interactive course, in which participants used stuffed dogs to learn restraining and muzzling procedures, bleeding protocols, choking management and treating limb injuries.

"The class provided training in a number of straightforward techniques that will help me respond immediately to a medical emergency involving my pet," said Jessica Ramirez, a participant in the

first-ever session.

Those who attended the course left with more than just training. They also received a PetSaver course manual, an emergency muzzle and a certificate of course completion.

"I'm so excited to be able to offer these classes and improve the quality of pets' lives by educating their owners," Lipschutz said.

Public, group and private classes are available for residents of Queens and the surrounding New York metro area.

For more information, to sign up for a class or schedule an interview, call 516-553-0602 or visit PetTech on the web: [www.inhomepetservices.com/PetTech](http://www.inhomepetservices.com/PetTech).