



## ***ACCORDION RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUE***

*(Printable Short Version) Prepared by Barb Thornberry DISCLAIMER: Try at your own risk.*

*Print out & Practice ahead of time, this technique is a life saver!!! So much safer than swinging a puppy.*

*This method is not hard. After you've cleaned the airway with cotton and suctioned with a Delee catheter or bulb syringe continue to accordion method of resuscitation on unresponsive puppies.*

*(Delee Catheter instructions are: Clear nose first as it can pull fluid from the mouth and it may go into lungs as they take their first breaths)*

### **ACCORDION RESUSCITATION INSTRUCTIONS...**

*If you've seen how to play an accordion, the basic principles apply. Always, always keep head pointed down.*

- 1.) You stretch the puppy to its fullest length as it takes in air.  
Count to 4 then:*
- 2.) Push the puppy's head toward the hind end to expel fluid in lungs.*
- 3.) Repeat the STRETCH - WAIT - PUSH sequence 14 to 16 times per minute.*

*WAIT - STOPPING PUSHING if after 3 or 4 pushes no fluid is forth coming. IF the fluid IS being expelled continue ON until NO MORE fluid is seen coming out of the puppy,*



*So stretch-Inhale  
(Puppy takes in air)*

*count to 4*



*Push front to rear-Exhale  
(Puppy expels fluids)*

*The position of your hands doesn't have to be exactly as written below. Position your hands as closely as you can to the pictures at the top of the page and start resuscitation.*