

Quick as a wink, Piper swallowed the bone, and suddenly she felt a sharp pain. She could hardly walk. Mrs. Duncan guessed right away that the bone was stuck in Piper's throat.

"We've got to get Piper to the hospital immediately!" Mrs. Duncan cried out to Mr. Duncan. "She is in terrible trouble!"

"I'll run home and get the car," Mr. Duncan said. "You hold her as still as possible until I get back here. We'll take her straight to the animal emergency clinic."

When Mr. Duncan returned with the car, he carefully lifted Piper into the front seat beside Mrs. Duncan. He drove as fast as possible to the animal hospital. At the emergency desk, the Duncans explained the suspected trouble, and the attendant took them in to see the veterinarian, Dr. Carlson.

