



EMERGENCY CARE GUIDELINES

Please use this guide to help you decide when to wait or if urgent help is needed. If help is needed after hours, for a small fee, VetTriage veterinarians are available for live video chat and will notify the doctor on call if your pet needs to be seen.

TRUE EMERGENCY

RECOMMEND: Visit www.vettriage.com

- Respiratory distress
- Collapse
- Unable to walk or get up
- Unable to pass urine (especially in male cats)
- Persistent non-productive retching
- Severe trauma (hit by car, animal attack, severe or multiple injuries)
- Active seizures/cluster seizure/status epilepticus
- Profuse bleeding from any wound

URGENT

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- Persistent/severe vomiting
- Appetite loss for more than 24 hours
- Diarrhea with vomiting or loss of appetite
- Known foreign body ingestion
- Trouble during active labor
- Illness post-birthing
- Allergic reaction (facial swelling, hives)
- Swollen eye/persistent squinting
- Toxin ingestion
- Straining to urinate in a dog
- Blood in urine in a male cat
- Aggressive coughing without distress
- Unable to bear weight on a limb
- Porcupine quills
- Multiple seizures within a 24hr period, but not actively seizing
- Small wounds or lacerations

NON-URGENT

RECOMMEND: Wait for Daytime Hours OR Visit www.vettriage.com

- Vomiting (2 or fewer episodes)
- Acute diarrhea without vomiting
- Straining to defecate
- Limping
- Broken toenails
- Mild trauma/single injury
- Superficial wounds or lacerations
- Blood in urine in dog or female cat
- Non-productive cough but breathing fine otherwise

NON-URGENT

RECOMMEND: Wait for Daytime Hours

- Itching/scratching
- Hair loss
- Ear infection
- Red skin or ears
- Chronic weight loss
- Redness to tissues around eyes
- Single seizure with full recovery
- Chronic illnesses/diseases with no recent change in condition

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