

# Emergency Services

Unfortunately, you may be faced with an emergency situation at some point in your pet's life.

## For Emergencies Call:

**Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.....760-727-7900  
and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Afterhours 760-727-7920**

**all calls forwarded to Animal Urgent Care & Specialty Center 760-738-9600**

**Contact the Shadowridge Veterinary Hospital Immediately If You Notice Any of the Following:**

### IN GENERAL —

- Any problem that persists longer than 24 hours.
- Any problem that worsens over several hours.
- Any systemic problems such as lethargy, loss of appetite, weakness and fever.
- Body temperature less than 100°F or greater than 104°F.
- Any indication that more than one body system (GI, urinary, neurological) is affected.

### GASTROINTESTINAL PROBLEMS —

- Frequent bouts of vomiting or diarrhea resulting in loss of large volumes of fluid.
- Inability to drink or keep water down.
- Blood or black material (digested blood) in the vomit or stool.
- More than three to four episodes of vomiting or diarrhea in a puppy or in a dog older than 8 years.
- Vomiting following suspected ingestion of foreign material (toys, garbage, rocks, etc).
- Suspected poisoning.
- Suspected bloat.

### BLEEDING —

- Bleeding from nose, mouth or anus.
- Bleeding accompanied by bruising of the skin, especially on the abdomen.
- Bleeding that cannot be stopped by applying pressure.
- If blood loss is excessive.
- Weakness, difficulty breathing, or reluctance to move after a bleeding episode.

### LAMENESS —

- Obvious fracture of a limb.
- Nonweight-bearing lameness persisting for more than 12 hours.
- Swollen, painful joints or a gait that appears as if “walking on eggshells.”
- Paralysis of one or more limbs.
- Lameness that initially improves but does not resolve in 24-48 hours.

### OTHER EMERGENCIES —

- Trauma
- Venomous snakebite

<b>SIGN</b>	<b>WHAT TO DO</b>
Vomiting or diarrhea (once or twice)	Remove all food. Give pet only water or ice cubes for hydration. Call the veterinarian if persists.
Vomiting or diarrhea (more than once or twice)	Check for signs of dehydration such as sticky mucous membranes and dull eyes. Call the veterinarian.
Suspected bloat (large breeds)	Call the veterinarian for immediate visit.
Bleeding from nose or paw pad (not excessive)	Apply pressure to stop bleeding.
Wrist or gushing	Apply pressure. Call veterinarian for immediate visit.
Lameness	Call veterinarian if not resolved in 24 hours
Suspected broken bone	Call veterinarian for immediate visit.
Trauma: auto accident, dog bite, falls	Call veterinarian for immediate visit.
Choking	Immediate first aid to remove object. Then call for immediate visit.
Seizures	Call veterinarian for immediate visit unless pet is known epileptic.
Rubbing eyes, swollen eyes	Call veterinarian for immediate visit.

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