

## When is it an Emergency?

Here are some signs you should look out for...

When Should You Call Your Veterinarian?

- Bleeding: Blood in stool or urine; bleeding from any body part.
- **Convulsions:** Violent shaking of the head or legs; dazed appearance.
- Lethargy: Lack of normal energy or playfulness ; reduced tolerance for exercise.
- **Change in Eating Habits:** Refused food or eating significantly more or less than normal.
- Weight Loss: Dramatic changes in the body weight, over a short or long period of time.
- Changes in Thirst or Urination: Excessive thirst; increase in volume or frequency of urination, straining or inability to urinate; urinating in the house, or changes in urination habits.
- Vomiting or Diarrhea: Multiple episodes in a short period or continual episodes over a long period of time.
- Coughing: Any coughing other than occasional single episodes. Non-clear nasal discharge.
- **Pain:** Limping or favoring a leg; exhibiting pain when touched or lifted.
- **Eye Abnormality:** Redness, discharge, squinting; film over the eye; difficulty seeing.
- **Lumps and Bumps:** Particularly those that are growing rapidly or bleeding.
- Scratching: Frequently scratching or biting at any area of the body; pawing at face or ears; shaking or tilting head. Excessive scratching could lead to hair loss.
- Significant Changes in Behavior

You know your fur baby best, anything out of the ordinary could be a sign that your pet is sick. Do NOT wait before contacting your veterinarian! Early treatment usually reduces the severity of the disease(s) and hastens recovery.

If you have any questions feel free to give us a call!

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