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MEDICAL EMERGENCY - REFERRAL

What are some common conditions/signs that require emergency care?

- Trauma, including injuries caused by a car, bite, bullet, knife, fall or burn
- Trouble or difficulty breathing
- Shock (signs can include weakness, pale mucous membranes or gums in pet's mouth, cold extremities and an abnormal heart rate)
- Trouble or difficulty urinating or defecating
- Neurologic disease such as seizures, difficulty or inability to walk, collapse or lack of responsiveness
- Poison or toxic liquid/substance ingestion
- Abnormal or extended recovery from recent anesthesia or a surgical procedure
- Swollen or distended abdomen
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Allergic reaction, such as hives or swelling
- Dystocia (difficulty or trouble giving birth)
- Snake bite



What should I do if I think my pet is having an emergency or urgent condition?

- You'll want to get your pet to the vet or emergency care center right away
- If during normal hours, you may be able to take your pet to your regular veterinarian (ask them in advance if they handle emergency services and trauma). Otherwise, please refer to the emergency centers listed below that are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- Stay calm – panicking is not going to help you or your pet
- Handle your pet carefully; scared or injured pets can sometimes be aggressive
- If possible, call the care provider and inform them that you are on the way
- Drive carefully, adhere to speed limits, and follow all traffic laws!

LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AFTER-HOURS VETERINARY CARE CENTERS

Veterinary Specialty Care (2 Locations)

3163 W. Montague Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: (843) 744-3372
Fax: (843) 747-7920

<http://veterinaryspecialtycare.com/>

985 Johnnie Dodds Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
Phone: (843) 216-7554
Fax: (843) 884-8025

- Open and staffed for emergencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- 2 locations: North Charleston and Mount Pleasant
- Provides specialized surgical and medical care, as well as emergency Board Certified medical and surgical services.
- Accepts non-emergency advanced service referrals from your primary veterinarian.
- Services and Procedures Include:
 - Internal medicine
 - Oncology
 - Cardiology
 - Neurology
 - Surgical Care (Orthopedic, Neurosurgery, Oncology, General)
 - Hyperbaric Chamber Therapy
 - Emergency Facilities

Animal Resource Center

www.charlestonanimalsociety.org/GetPetHelp



- Advanced Imaging (Radiography, Ultrasound, CT, MRI, Endoscopy, Fluoroscopy)
- Cesarean section
- Foreign body retrieval
- Enterotomy/Gastrotomy
- Exploratory laparotomy
- Gastric dilatation volvulus (Bloat)
- Hemoabdomen/Acute Abdomen Treatment
- Intestinal Resection/Anastomosis
- Laceration / Wound repair
- Proptosis / Prolapse Repair
- Pyometra
- Splenectomy

Charleston Veterinary Referral Center

3484 Shelby Ray Court
Charleston, SC 29414
Phone: (843) 614-8387
<http://charlestonvrc.com/>

- Open and staffed for emergencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- Located in West Ashley, about 20 minutes south of downtown Charleston, SC.
- The only Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (VECCS) certified Level 1 hospital in SC
- Accepts non-emergency appointments by referral from your primary veterinarian
- Services Include:
 - Emergency
 - Cardiology
 - Critical Care
 - Dentistry
 - Diagnostic Imaging
 - Internal Medicine
 - Neurology/Neurosurgery
 - Oncology
 - Physical Rehabilitation & Sports Medicine
 - Radiology
 - Surgery (Soft Tissue & Orthopedic)

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