

Emergencies

Any situation in which you feel your pet's well-being or life is in danger is an **emergency and you should act accordingly.**

This is a list of the more common emergency situations that should receive immediate care. It is not all inclusive.

During regular business hours, call our office at 283-1166. After hours, call the Upstate Veterinary Specialists at 783-3198 or the Capital District Veterinary Referral Hospital at 785-1094.

- **All eye injuries.**
- **All painful eyes, especially if the membranes are red.**
- **Inability to urinate or appears constipated and continues to keep trying.**
- **Bleeding uncontrollably or bleeding that won't stop, even when applying pressure.**
- **Difficulty breathing. Noisy respiration, blue tongue, gasping for air, pale membranes**
- **Protracted coughing with or without difficult respiration.**
- **Ingestion of a toxic material or foreign object.**
- **Sudden abdominal bloating. Rapid expansion of the abdomen (stomach) with the inability to vomit.**
- **Severe trauma of any kind, including being hit by a car, even if the pet appears normal. Trauma of this type can cause serious internal injuries.**
- **Inability to use a leg following an injury.**
- **Uncontrolled seizures – multiple seizures – one after the other or one that won't stop. Any seizure that lasts more than 5 minutes.**
- **Bee sting or insect bite with swelling and difficult breathing.**
- **Severe pain of any source.**
- **Inability to deliver puppies or kittens. Pet in labor for 2 hours with no results or new born stuck in birth canal.**
- **Protracted vomiting or diarrhea.**
- **Vomiting or diarrhea with blood.**
- **Loss of balance or incoordination when walking.**
- **Itching with "hot spot" (sores that are very painful, oozing and often with bad odor).**
- **Deep or penetrating wounds into a body cavity.**
- **Weakness with pale membranes.**

