



16 Animal Emergencies That Require Immediate Veterinary Care

1. Severe bleeding or bleeding that doesn't stop within 5 minutes
2. Choking, difficulty breathing or nonstop coughing and gagging
3. Bleeding from nose, mouth, rectum, coughing up blood, or blood in urine
4. Inability to urinate or pass feces (stool), or obvious pain associated with urinating or passing stool
5. Injuries to your pet's eye(s)
6. You suspect or know your pet has eaten something poisonous (such as antifreeze, xylitol, chocolate, rodent poison, etc.)
7. You suspect or know your pet has eaten a foreign object (such as a toy, socks, batteries, rocks, etc.)
8. Seizures and/or staggering
9. Fractured bones, severe lameness or inability to move leg(s)
10. Obvious signs of pain or extreme anxiety
11. Heat stress or heatstroke
12. Severe vomiting or diarrhea – more than 2 episodes in a 24-hour period, or either of these combined with obvious illness or any of the other problems listed here
13. Refusal to drink for 24 hours or more
14. Snake bite
15. Near drowning
16. Unconsciousness

The bottom line is that ANY concern about your pet's health warrants, at minimum, a call to your veterinarian!

Veterinary Emergency + Critical Care is fully staffed 24 hours a day. We are your best resource when your regular veterinarian is not available or not equipped to handle your emergency.

