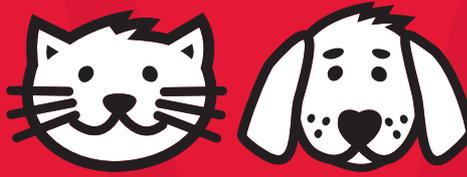


Emergency veterinary advice for what to do if your pet falls ill or suffers an injury...



If you have any concerns about your pet's health, you should always call your vet for advice. All vets have out of hours cover. Below are the top ten most common emergency situations that we see at Vets Now with advice on how you can keep your pet comfortable whilst you call your vet, or some actions you can take to assist your vet with the diagnosis.

 Vomiting And/or diarrhoea / parvovirus	Has your pet eaten anything different or been in contact with any new substances or other sick animals? Any information you can give the vet will help with the diagnosis.
 Trauma such as road accidents, falls, bites and gunshot wounds	Call your vet immediately. Remove pet to a safe location. Pets that are in pain or scared may bite or scratch. If pet is bleeding heavily, apply pressure using clean cloth or clothing (unless bleeding is from nose or mouth).
 Collapse	Contact your vet immediately, you will need your pet to be seen straight away
 Breathing difficulties	Keep your pet as calm as possible and ring your vet immediately - this can be a very rapidly life-threatening condition and you will need to get to your vet as soon as possible.
 Urine Cystitis or trouble passing urine	Ring the vet as soon as possible. It may help to bring a urine sample or take a photo of what your pet has passed.
 Poisoning or indiscrete ingestion	DO NOT give any medication, food or water, or try making your pet sick unless directed to do so by your vet. Bring anything you think they may have ingested, in the original packaging.
 Bloat or gastric dilation volvulus (GDV)	Keep your dog as calm as possible and ring your vet immediately. This can be a very rapidly life-threatening condition and you will need to get to your vet as soon as possible.
 Whelping / kittening Problems giving birth	Keep the environment calm and quiet with dim lighting and keep numbers of people in the room to a minimum. Give your pet a large comfortable and secluded bedding area.
 Seizures	Only move your pet if there is a risk of further injury. Move anything they may hurt themselves on out of the way. Do not attempt to restrain your pet or put anything in their mouth (particularly your fingers).
 Neurological Disorientation, uncoordinated, walking in circles, behavioural changes	Keep the area quiet and avoid any sudden movements. Close all doors and ensure there are no tripping hazards. Video recording on a mobile phone of symptoms can help diagnosis.

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