



Medical FAQs

Common Medical Scenarios

Many times, animals that are brought into us as strays or surrenders need medical care. They often come to the shelter with a variety of symptoms, but there are a few scenarios and symptoms that we see more often than others. A few of these that you can look out for in your foster are:

Dogs & Cats

- Ringworm: Red/flaky/itchy hairloss spots
- Malnourishment: Low body condition score that requires reintroduction to feeding as determined by our medical staff
- Orthopedic injuries: Amputation recovery or fractured bones
- Fleas/ticks

Cats

- Upper Respiratory Infection (URI): Sneezing, ocular/nasal discharge, congestion, mild lower energy
- Calicivirus (Calici): Sneezing, ocular/nasal discharge, congestion, oral ulcerations, fever, limping, mild lower energy
- Panleukopenia (Panleuk): Diarrhea, blood in stool, vomiting, low appetite, weight loss, low energy

Dogs

- Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease (CIRD), most commonly:
 - Kennel Cough: Sneezing, ocular/nasal discharge, coughing, mild lower energy
 - Distemper: Ocular/nasal discharge, coughing, sneezing, fever, low appetite, GI upset, low energy, potential for progression to neurological symptoms/seizures in severe cases
- Parvovirus (Parvo): Diarrhea, blood in stool, vomiting, low appetite, low energy, weight loss, fever
- Ehrlichia/Anaplasmosis (Tick Borne Disease): Fever, mild lower energy, joint/muscle pain



The medical emergency line is 928-547-3401! Please text after 5:00pm if it's not an emergency!

But how do I know if it's an emergency?

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Non-Emergent Symptoms

- Hairloss
- Sneezing/congestion
- Ocular/nasal discharge
- Skin irritation/itching
- Weight loss or stagnant weight
- Loose stool
- Lower appetite within 24 hours
- Frequent urination attempts with little urine
- Not urinating/defecating within 48 hours

Emergent Symptoms*

- Unresponsive or lateral
- Very pale, blue, or grey dry gums
- Seizures
- Severe respiratory distress
- Severe allergic reaction
- Major injuries (i.e. broken bones in severe pain, hit by car, ect.)
- Excessive bleeding
- Excessive vomiting/retching
- Ingested a foreign object/medications/plants
- Severe neurological changes (i.e. lack of coordination or limb function)

***If your foster animal experiences any emergent symptoms, please call the medical emergency line immediately.**

