



# Determining the Urgency of Your Pet's Condition



*This information is to serve as a guide only. You know your pet best; therefore, please use your best judgement.*

## Bring your pet in IMMEDIATELY\* if your pet has any of these symptoms:

Not breathing or unconscious
Severe bleeding or bleeding that will not stop (apply direct pressure to bleeding area)
Unable to urinate
Severe vomiting or diarrhea, especially if blood is seen
Seizures or loss of balance
Poisoning (bring container if available)
Hit by car or other severe trauma
Sudden bloating of abdomen
Facial swelling or hives
Labor lasts more than 2 hours before first puppy is delivered or more than 2 hours between puppies
Severe pain that occurs suddenly and pet is unable to become comfortable

## Bring your pet in TODAY\* if your pet has any of these symptoms:

Coughing or labored breathing, especially if lethargic or has eye or nose discharge
Vomiting or diarrhea without presence of blood
Lameness or severe pain
Itching with skin lesions or hair loss
Strange odor
Swallowed any foreign object(s)
Tissue or discharge from body orifice
Burns or injuries that are not critical
Not eaten or drank in more than 24 hours
Lethargic
Unusual swellings (i.e. ear flaps or skin bumps)
Discharge from eyes, ears or nose

\*If symptoms occur after office hours:      Veterinary Referral and Emergency Center  
503 E. Sonterra Blvd. (near Loop 1604 and Stone Oak Pkwy)  
(210) 404-2873

## It is likely safe to wait overnight if your pet has any of the following symptoms:

Mild vomiting or diarrhea, especially if pet seems normal otherwise
Loss of appetite with no other signs of illness
Excessive drinking and urination
Itching with no skin lesions/hair loss
Mild lameness