

EMERGENCIES

GO STRAIGHT TO THE VET/EMERGENCY CLINIC

Difficulty breathing

- needs to come in immediately

Straining to urinate

- needs to come in immediately

Seizures

- needs to come in immediately
- exception: single seizure, pet fully recovered very quickly - needs to be seen same day

Swollen abdomen (especially medium and large breed dogs)

- needs to come in ASAP, especially if also weak/collapsed or has difficulty breathing

Toxins

- obtain as much info as possible (what toxin, how much was eaten, how long ago, current symptoms the pet is showing)
- most will need to come in immediately for decontamination (emesis, charcoal) and supportive care

Collapse

- needs to come in immediately, especially if also has difficulty breathing or bleeding from anywhere

Road traffic accident

- needs to come in immediately, especially if also has difficulty breathing, obvious fractures, blood loss, loss of consciousness

Fall from height

- needs to come in immediately, especially if also has difficulty breathing, obvious fractures, blood loss, loss of consciousness

Bleeding (from anywhere: including nose, vomiting blood, lots of blood in faeces, blood in urine; especially if pet is also unwell)

- needs to come in immediately if also unwell, or straining to urinate, or collapsed/weak, or has difficulty breathing, or a wound
- needs to come in same day otherwise

Problematic labour

- classified as a bitch who is actively straining without producing a puppy for 30 minutes or more
OR a bitch who has stopped straining for 2h or more and we know that there are still puppies in there
OR a bitch with a lot of bloody discharge
OR a bitch who is shivering/shaking/vomiting
OR a bitch who has completed labour but not feeding the puppies