

Medical Emergencies

Use the below table to assess what the next steps are if your foster pet is experiencing any medical issues:

CODE RED: EMERGENCY! Email medical@fiveacresanimalshelter.org ASAP. If no answer within 10 minutes, call 207-776-8548		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost Foster • Unresponsive • Hit by Car / Seriously Injured • Ingested Dangerous Items • Major Wounds / Excessive Bleeding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having Trouble Breathing • Cold to the Touch • Injury to the Eye • Straining / Unable to produce urine • Unable to Stand or Walk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seizure/Unstable/Disoriented • Puppies not Eating, Weight Loss, Severe Diarrhea • White or Blue/Very Pale/Sticky Gums • Pregnant Animal in Distress • Temperature ≤ 97.0 F or ≥ 105.0 F
CODE YELLOW: URGENT Email medical@fiveacresanimalshelter.org ASAP. Will respond as soon as possible but not immediately.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vomiting Multiple Times • Lethargy/Not Eating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colored Nasal Discharge • Incident of Aggression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diarrhea Multiple Times Over 24hrs (6 weeks or older) • Chewed/Removed Sutures/Staples • Slightly Open Spay Incisions
CODE GREEN: WELLNESS CHECK NEEDED Email medical@fiveacresanimalshelter.org ASAP. Will respond as soon as possible, likely the next day.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vomiting Once or Twice • Lethargy/Low Appetite • Congestion/Clear Nasal Discharge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intestinal Parasites/Worms in Stool • Pink or bloody urine • Diarrhea for more than 24hrs • Limping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirty/Smelly Ears • Skin Irritation

PLEASE DO NOT take our dogs to your personal vet. Five Acres Animal Shelter is responsible for all medical care of the dogs in our custody. Fosters are not reimbursed for medical care not coordinated through Five Acres. **Scan the below QR code to make an appointment with our veterinarian.**

