### **Emergency Care at IndyVet**

IndyVet is an emergency and veterinary specialty hospital available and fully staffed with experienced veterinarians and support staff 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. You can count on us to provide continuous care and monitoring for your pet.

At IndyVet, we understand that pets are members of the family. This is why our doctors and medical staff strive to exceed expectations and perform around-the clock medical care that utilizes the most up-to-date and advanced innovations in veterinary medicine.

We work closely with your primary veterinarian to provide your pet with a complete healthcare team. You can rest easy knowing that your pet is in the most capable hands.

Proud to be Fear Free Certified, one of only THREE veterinary hospitals in the U.S. to earn the Fear Free Emergency Certification!



This certification reflects IndyVet's dedication to providing a stress-free experience for your pets, from the waiting room to the exam room. Thanks to specialized training, we ensure each pet gets the gentle, loving care they deserve.

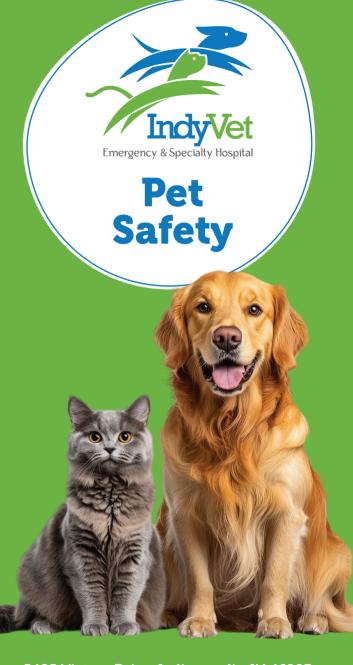


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# What is an Emergency?

Oftentimes, it is difficult to determine whether your pet is experiencing an emergency or is just having an off day. The following symptoms are important indicators that your pet needs medical attention. If you notice any of the following symptoms in your pet, seek veterinary care immediately. IndyVet is always available for emergency care—24/7, every day of the year.

# Signs and Symptoms

- » Any difficulties breathing: short or shallow breath, increased effort, gagging, choking
- Weakness, inability to walk, sudden collapse
- » First-time seizure, seizures lasting more than three minutes, or multiple seizures
- » Non-productive retching/vomiting, swollen or distended abdomen
- » Allergic reactions including swelling, rashes, or itching
- » Excessive or persistent bleeding
- » Inability to urinate, straining to urinate
- » Diabetic animals refusing food
- » Pregnant animals in labor for more than one hour without delivering, those that have gone more than three to four hours between delivering
- » Bumping into things, disorientation
- » Signs of pain such as whining, shaking, hiding, or dull behavior
- » Vomiting blood, passing blood in stools/ urine
- Changes in behavior, appetite, elimination habits

### **Trauma**

- » Bite wounds
- » Broken bones
- » Burns
- » Cuts, lacerations
- » Electric shock
- » Eye injuries
- » Heatstroke, frostbite
- » Hit by car, car accident

# **Ingesting Toxic Substances**

Foods that are safe for us are not always safe for our pets.

#### Unsafe foods include:

- » Chocolate
- » Grapes and raisins
- » Macadamia nuts
- » Onions and garlic
- » Avocados (birds)
- » Xylitol sweetener (found in gum and toothpaste)
- » Yeast dough

### **Caution for Cats**

There is a saying, "cats are not small dogs." What this means is that cats are unique creatures that have very specific needs.

### These items cause serious problems for cats:

- » Lilies of all types
- » Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- » Cleaning solutions (like Pine-Sol)
- » Holiday tinsel and ribbon
- » Mice that have been eating rat poison
- » Needles and thread
- » Flea products made for dogs
- » Essential oils

### **Dangers for Dogs**

Dogs love life, eating, and chewing. They sometimes make poor choices as to what is food and what is not.

### These items cause serious problems for dogs:

- » Peach pits
- » Corn cobs
- » Wood glue (such as Gorilla Glue)
- » Wooden skewers
- » Deli toothpicks
- » Cocoa mulch
- » Antifreeze
- » Rat poison
- » Slug bait
- » Fabric
- » Acorns
- » Human pain relievers (Ibuprofen, Advil)
- » Wild mushrooms
- » Paintballs
- » Homemade playdough
- » Vitamin supplements
- » Coins
- » Electrical cords
- » Marijuana
- » Nicotine cigarettes, patches
- » Bleach and other cleaners
- » Detergents (laundry, dishwasher)

