



WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A VETERINARY EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

If you do decide that your pet needs emergency veterinary care, where should you take them? There are a few veterinary hospitals in the lower mainland that operate as emergency hospitals. These hospitals have met specific criteria which makes them ideal places for your pet to be treated in an emergency situation. There is a standardized guideline that specifies the minimum recommended equipment and supplies that any emergency and critical care veterinary hospital should have available for the treatment of emergency patients.

A veterinary emergency facility should have a licensed DVM on the premises during operating hours. There must also be sufficient staff available to provide expedient patient care. This will allow the performance of a wide range of life-saving procedures; including CPR and emergency surgery. Emergency patients also need constant supervision until they are discharged to their owners or to their regular veterinarian. Veterinarians and technicians in the emergency field should obtain ongoing continuing education in the field of emergency and critical care medicine. Standards of care in this field are always improving and it is essential to stay up to date with new information.

An emergency clinic will also maintain effective communications to allow efficient transfer of patient information to the primary care veterinarian or to specialists if that is required. This allows smooth ongoing care to the patient.

Some of the hospitals in the lower mainland which meet these criteria are:

The Vancouver Animal Emergency and Referral Centre
2303 Alberta St. Vancouver, BC. 604-879-3737

Canada West Veterinary Specialists
1988 Kootenay St. Vancouver, BC. 604-473-4882

Animal Emergency Hospital of the Fraser Valley
#306 - 6325 204 St. Langley, BC. 604-514-1711

Intercity Animal Emergency Clinic
580 SE Marine Dr. Vancouver, BC. 604-321-8080

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO EMERGENCY HOSPITALS IN RICHMOND AT THIS TIME
DESPITE WHAT MAY BE ADVERTISED**

While we always hope that these services will not be needed, we understand how much you care for your pet and want you to have the best possible treatments in the case of any emergencies. If you have any questions about what constitutes an emergency, what first aid measures you can provide and which emergency facilities we recommend, please do not hesitate to call us.

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