Foster Emergencies and Non- Emergencies

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| When do I contact? | Immediately | Within 12 hours | Within 24 hours |
| Who and how do I contact? | Call Foster Phone (9:30am-6pm):  760-445-0453  AFTER HOURS Emergencies:  619-243-3498 | Email:  [escfoster@sdhumane.org](mailto:escfoster@sdhumane.org)  Call/Text Foster Phone:  760-445-0453 | Email:  [escfoster@sdhumane.org](mailto:escfoster@sdhumane.org)  Call/Text Foster Phone:  760-445-0453 |
|  | * Amputation * Hit by a car * Any traumatic injury that causes open wounds of bleed for more than 5 minutes * Blood from mouth/nose * Stumbling/Disorientation that lasts for more than 3 minutes * Difficulty breathing/choking * Difficulty urinating/unable to pass urine * Pain (open mouth breathing, whining, crying, yelping, other vocalization) * Lost animal outside of the home * Seizures * Unexpected death * If you feel unsafe or feel there is an immediate threat cause by your foster pet * Any bites to a human, even if it does not break skin | * Not eating (3 meals in a row) * Not drinking water (for 24 hours) * Limping * Stiffness * Any growling, snarling, clawing, hissing, snapping, lunging or other threatening behavior at a human or other animal for any reason * Minor bleeding that lasts for less than 5 minutes | * Sneezing * Coughing * Runny/crusty eyes * Runny nose/congestion * Excessive panting that does not resolve when out of heat, in the shade, given water, etc. * Diarrhea/Vomiting but appears alert and responsive * Lethargy * Head shaking * Excessive scratching * Parasites * Ripped/torn toenails (unless excessive bleeding) * Out of supplies |

It is important that any medical or behavioral concerns are reported to foster staff as soon as possible. We depend on your communication with us to ensure all of our animals are healthy, and that we are caring for them in the most humane way possible by limiting their discomfort. In addition, our medical team has limited appointments available for foster animals, and the sooner we know about a potential issue, the better we can prioritize animals in the most need for these appointments. Only the vets can prescribe medication, and a physical exam is required for this.