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Pet Ailments and Symptoms that Require Medical Attention

- **Disc Herniation.** If you should happen to notice sudden paralysis or loss of function in your pet's legs, this is cause for immediate concern and your veterinarian should be contacted immediately; this is true for all breeds of dogs and cats.
- **Gastric Dilation Volvulus (GDS) or Bloat.** Dogs can develop an acute ailment in which the stomach twists and causes the abdomen to take on a distended form (bloat). It can happen very quickly and is lethal without immediate surgical correction. Any dog is susceptible to this condition, however large breed dogs are particularly susceptible to this ailment.
- **Splenic Rupture.** If your pet suddenly collapses or demonstrates acute weakness or lethargy and has pale gums, your pet should be taken to your veterinarian immediately for diagnosis.
- **Respiratory Distress.** Difficulty breathing for any breed is cause for immediate concern. Surgical intervention can be of benefit particularly for those dogs which have a genetic predisposition to breathing conditions including: Pugs, Bull Dogs, Boston Terriers, Shih Tzus, and older Labrador Retrievers.
- **Difficulty Urinating.** Cats can be prone to becoming blocked. If you notice blood in the urine or difficult urinating, it is imperative that you seek immediate veterinary attention for your pet.
- **Deteriorating Condition.** Any health problem that worsens or persists for more than 24 hours requires veterinary attention.

*If your pet is experiencing a medical emergency at this moment, please call **208-375-1600** or come directly to the hospital. We are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

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