



### **Foster Medical Emergencies**

During business hours, Monday-Thursday 7am-4pm:

Green section (Monitor) and Yellow section (urgent): Email [fostervettech@hswestmi.org](mailto:fostervettech@hswestmi.org)

Red section (Emergency): Seek immediate medical attention

For after hours, weekends and holidays:

Yellow and Red sections: submit a request through

<https://form.jotform.com/HSWM/foster-emergencies> . Inquiries submitted via JotForm will be monitored throughout the day from 8am-8pm. It may take a couple of hours for you to receive a response. In the meantime, please follow the guidelines below.

#### **Emergency - Submit a JotForm and go to ER immediately**

Seek immediate medical attention at:

Animal Emergency Hospital 3260 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525

Blue Pearl Pet Hospital 1425 Michigan St NE, Grand Rapids MI 49503

Animal Emergency and Specialty Hospital 6820 Edgeview Ave SW. Byron Center MI 49315

Unresponsive/unable to wake - Respiratory distress/gasping/open mouth breathing -  
Repetitive seizures - Severe laceration/life threatening wound - Toxin ingestion -  
Hit by car - Bloated abdomen and vomiting in large breed dog

#### **Urgent - Submit a JotForm**

Medical staff will respond to your JotForm request in a timely manner

Persistent or bloody vomiting - Minor wounds - Limping - Severe diarrhea - Decreased  
appetite - Male cats straining to urinate - Lost animal - Ingestion of foreign body

#### **Monitor - Email Foster Vet Tech**

The Foster Veterinary Technician will respond during regular business hours

Congestion - Nasal/Ocular discharge - Mild diarrhea - Infrequent vomiting - Coughing -  
Hair loss - Fleas - Medication refills - Eye injuries/issues - Frequent urination

## Common Non-Emergency Medical Concerns

We need to be made aware of these medical issues when they occur. Please email the Foster Veterinary Technician at [fostervettech@hswestmi.org](mailto:fostervettech@hswestmi.org) if any of these things are observed within the respective time frame given.

	<b>Neonate Puppies and Kittens</b>	<b>Puppies and Kittens under 5 months</b>	<b>Adult cats and dogs</b>
<b>URI Symptoms - sneezing, congestion, discharge</b>	As soon as it's observed	After 24 hours of showing symptoms	After 48 hours of showing symptoms
<b>Conjunctivitis/Eye swelling/redness</b>	As soon as it's observed	After 24 hours	After 24 hours
<b>Vomiting</b>	As soon as it's observed	After 24 hours	After 48 hours or 24 hours if frequent
<b>Diarrhea - soft to liquid consistency</b>	As soon as it's observed	After 24 hours - As soon as it's observed if there is blood	After 48 hours - after 24 hours is blood is continually present
<b>Constipation - zero stool output</b>	After 24 hours	After 24 hours	After 48 hours
<b>Decreased Appetite</b>	As soon as it's observed	As soon as it's observed	After 24 hours of decreased appetite OR after 12 hours for <b>zero</b> food intake
<b>Weight loss or weight plateau (primarily kittens)</b>	As soon as it's observed	After 24 hours	After 72 hours

### **The following items are less common non-emergency medical concerns:**

- Frequent trips to the litter box, difficulty eliminating
- Itchy skin or ears, hair loss
- Some blood in stool
- Frequent and excessive water intake
- Decreased activity

If any of them are noted, please contact the Foster Vet Tech.

**If you are experiencing an emergency or urgent matter with your foster pet, please see the yellow and red sections on the reverse side of this document.**