

Companion Animal Alliance (CAA)

Guidelines for After-Hours Treatment at LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital



We greatly appreciate the partnership we have with LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital and its veterinarians that helps us care for homeless pets in East Baton Rouge Parish. The guidelines below are to be used to clarify expectations, responsibilities, and to help all involved so that we can better help the pets we care for. We could not become a more humane community without your help.

General Points

- Please be aware that during after hours, CAA's veterinary team is unable to provide medical care to injured or critical patients that require the care of staff trained in medical procedures.
- The role of LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital is to stabilize patients until the next day when a CAA veterinarian can provide care. Costs should not exceed \$300. To provide additional treatment, CAA's Foster Coordinator must be contacted to authorize treatment.
- Please forward copies of any medical records for patients seen by the emergency hospital to CAA's foster coordinator via email as soon as possible to ensure continuity of care and to avoid repeat administration of medications.
- If an animal is not given an impound number (ex. 61838), it is not in the custody of or the property of CAA and should not be treated as a CAA foster animal.

Foster Program

- **No treatment should be provided during regular shelter business hours, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 7 days a week, unless prior arrangements have been made by an employee of CAA.**
- **After hours:**
 - The foster care-taker will transport the patient to the emergency hospital.
 - Should a foster care-taker arrive with a patient that cannot wait for medical care, the emergency clinic can treat and stabilize the patient as the emergency veterinarian deems fit within the cost of \$300.
 - In order to provide treatment for a CAA foster animal, the foster care-taker must provide the impound number to the clinic and billing must include that information.

Euthanasia

- If there is any case that the attending emergency or specialty veterinarian believes a patient is in irreversible pain, suffering from a problem that there is no treatment for, or in a condition of suffering with grave prognosis, CAA authorizes the attending veterinarian to euthanize the patient if needed.
 - **CAA and CAA veterinarians respect the professional opinion and professional judgement of the emergency and specialty hospital veterinarians, and will support their decisions regarding euthanasia.**

Billing

- All foster animals should be charged to CAA's account and must include the impound number on the invoice.

Thank you for your caring and generosity in helping Companion Animal Alliance care for our community's homeless and unwanted pets.
