

TRIAGE

COVE medical professionals will prioritize patients based on the severity of condition.



Red

Patients whose clinical signs could be the result of an immediately life-threatening condition where intervention is necessary to either stabilize the pet or end suffering through humane euthanasia.

EXAMPLES

- Breathing difficulties
- Collapse
- Unable to walk/rise
- Urinary difficulties/issues – Male
- Poisoning
- Active seizures
- Profuse or persistent bleeding
- Snake bite
- Persistent non-productive retching
- Road traffic accident



Orange

While not immediately life threatening, these patients are anticipated to decline further without care in the next 12-24 hours.

EXAMPLES

- Persistent vomiting
- Non-weight bearing lameness
- Fractures
- Known foreign body ingestion
- Aggressive coughing without distress
- Active labor, dystocia or post parturient illness

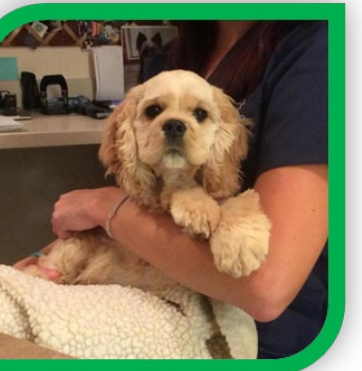


Yellow

Patients have become acutely affected but are still in good spirits and otherwise normal. Illness in question is mild, of short duration, and/or does not seem to be impacting pet. These patients have no indication that they will decline or find themselves with a life-threatening condition.

EXAMPLES

- Single incident of vomiting
- Acute diarrhea without vomiting
- Blood in urine - female
- Short duration inappetence or decreased appetite
- Small wounds/lacerations
- Single seizure with full recovery
- Cough - non-productive & dry with normal respiratory rate & effort
- Chronic illnesses/diseases



Green

Conditions that are not life threatening and have no expectation of becoming life threatening. These are urgent care problems that we recommend having evaluated by a veterinarian within 1-2+ week(s). Telemedicine is a first line option for many if not all of these

EXAMPLES

- Itching/Scratching
- Frequent urination
- Limping
- Broken toe nails
- Hair loss
- Red eyes/skin/ears