
Handling Emergency Situations Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of the Handling Emergency Situations Policy is to ensure that Colorado Canine Rescue (CCR) Foster Homes can immediately respond to situations when a dog needs emergency medical attention.

Scope:

Foster Homes, President, Board of Directors

POLICY

I. Policy Statement

This policy addresses the protocol for handling medical emergencies for dogs in CCR foster care.

II. Procedure

- A. If a dog in a CCR Foster Home requires emergency veterinarian services, the Foster Home will contact the CCR Board President immediately and prior to vet services being provided.
- B. If the Board President is not available within 10 minutes of attempted contact or if it is already known that the President is unavailable, the Foster Home will contact the designated Board member for approval and coordination of the vet visit.
- C. If the designated Board member cannot be reached within 10 minutes of attempted contact and there is a severe urgency with the dog, the Foster Home may take the dog to the nearest emergency vet clinic. Efforts to contact the CCR President or designated Board member will continue until one of them has been reached and informed of the situation.
- D. If the dog's survival is in imminent danger and time is of the essence, the Foster Home may seek immediate veterinarian services prior to reaching the CCR President or designated Board member. Once the dog is at the vet, the Foster Home will contact the CCR President or, if unavailable, the designated Board member to advise him/her of the situation.
- E. When possible, a CCR-approved emergency vet will be used.

- F. The designated Board member will have access to a CCR line of credit for payment of deposits required for emergency vet visits. Emergencies are the only instance in which the Coordinator will be authorized to use the line of credit.
- G. If the CCR line of credit is used for an emergency vet visit, the expense will be paid in full from the CCR checking account as soon as possible.
- H. The President and Board will be notified of all instances where a dog has been treated on an emergency basis by a vet. The President and Board will be kept current on the status of the dog until the crisis has passed.
- I. After the emergency has passed, a written follow-up report will be provided to the President and Board so the resolution of the emergency and status of the dog are documented.