

Foster Care

Is this an emergency? What should I do?



Call us at 805-203-3181
or email foster@sbhumane.org

Helpful foster resources, tips, videos, and trainings that may help answer your questions are available at aspc.org/FosterResources. However, please do not use the contact phone numbers or emails from these resources.

Please call us at 805-203-3181 during regular business hours 8:00 AM–5:00 PM if your foster animal is experiencing any of the following medical signs:

- Eye changes including redness, cloudiness, squinting, excessive blinking, eye closed, thick or yellow/green discharge
- Limping
- Small cuts or small lacerations
- Multiple episodes of diarrhea for more than 24 hours
- Straining to urinate for more than 24 hours
- Failure to defecate for more than two days
- Not eating or drinking for more than 12 hours
- Frequent sneezing or coughing for more than 12 hours
- Vomiting for more than 12 hours or three or more episodes of vomiting in less than 24 hours with inability to hold down any food or water
- 48 hours of weight loss
- No weight gain for five days

Please call us immediately 24-hours a day at 805-203-3181 if your foster animal is experiencing any of the following medical signs:

- Difficulty breathing, erratic breathing pattern, or gasping for air
- Very high or low body temperature
- Very pale, blue, or grey gums
- Seizures or neurological symptoms
- Severe accidental injury or trauma resulting in fractures or unstopable bleeding
- Unable to stand or walk
- Signs of lethargy or strange behavior
- Straining to urinate with no urine being produced

If you are unable to reach us in an emergency, please contact one of the closest emergency clinics below:*

South Santa Barbara County:

Advanced Veterinary Specialists Emergency Pet Care
414 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101
805-729-4460

North Santa Barbara County:

Central Coast Pet Hospital and Emergency
1558 W Branch St., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
805-489-6573

** You must tell the emergency hospital staff to contact us prior to any treatment being provided for approval. We cannot cover costs at other veterinary clinics other than these listed clinics.*