

## **Animal Emergency Referral Center**

If your beloved family pet suddenly becomes ill or injured, expertise and time count...

The number of veterinary specialists has grown 76 percent over the last decade. A specialist in emergency and critical care is a specially trained veterinarian dedicated to treating life-threatening conditions. They must first be a graduate of a recognized veterinary school, then receive a minimum of 3 additional years of intense training in emergency medicine, surgery and critical care through the completion of an American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (ACVECC) approved training program. This program is referred to a "residency" in emergency and critical care and focuses on the most up-to-date techniques for diagnosis and treatment during an emergency and for the critical time when an animal is recovering. The residency is supervised by mentors who have been through similar training and are themselves board certified Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. Once the veterinarian has completed the residency program, the individual must pass a board certification examination given by the ACVECC. Upon successful completion of the training and passing the exam, the veterinarian is a Diplomate of the ACVECC, designated a "specialist" and is board certified in emergency and critical care.

Animal Emergency Referral Center provides clients and their pets with emergency/critical care, internal medicine, and radiology services within the South Bay area. We have three board-certified specialists on staff as well as experienced and dedicated support staff. We work together with your veterinarian to provide the best possible care for your pet.

**Animal Emergency Referral Center is a 24-hour emergency/referral hospital located in Torrance at 3511 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite A. In the event of an emergency, please contact us at (310) 325-3000.**