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Dr. Owens and I have over 24 years of combined experience in Veterinary Medicine. In 2020, we co-founded Animal Focus Vet, which is located within the greater Las Vegas Valley and Henderson communities. Our hospitals provide continuous opportunities to expand our knowledge as doctors in various areas of Veterinary medicine, including Emergency medicine.

Emergency medicine is particularly intriguing because many cases require doctors to demonstrate their ability in creating quick and accurate treatment plans that address the sudden onset of disease and stabilize their patients. We understand that Emergency visits can be both emotional and stressful for pets, pet owners, and Veterinary professionals, especially given that most visits are unexpected.

Emergency medicine is practiced in high-stress situations. Therefore, clinics must be prepared to deal with emotionally charged situations while still providing excellent care to their critical patients. Our Emergency Room is staffed with experienced and dedicated employees who provide exceptional and compassionate patient care. Another factor that ER clinics must be prepared for is financial limitations expressed by the owner. These limitations can sometimes prevent ER doctors from providing all treatments recommended for their patients' care and serve as a source of frustration for owners who desire to provide the recommended care for their pet. It is essential for veterinary hospitals to establish policies that protect their staff from aggressive behavior that can be exhibited by owners who are frustrated and/or anxious about their pet's situation.

We cannot overlook the effect that these emotionally charged situations can have on Veterinary Medicine professionals. Burnout and emotional fatigue are real issues in the Veterinary field, and it's crucial for us as employers to prioritize our employees' mental health and well-being. Animal Focus Vet encourages a culture of healthy work-life balance and provides resources that reinforce our desire to enhance our employees' self-care.

It is important to note that emergency veterinary care is often more expensive than routine care due to the specialized equipment, staffing, and expertise required to

handle urgent and potentially life-threatening situations. Additionally, emergency veterinary hospitals are usually operational through the night, which can require additional staffing and resources.

Medical emergencies for your pet can range from being hit by a vehicle to severe ear infections keeping the pet in discomfort all night. Several situations may land you and your pet at the local animal ER. Not all emergency visits have to be so unexpected. The average ER visit may be avoided by making an appointment at your regular Veterinarian for things such as licking the paws, scooting on the ground, vomiting/diarrhea; instead of waiting and seeing if these signs will self-resolve in a couple of days.

Emergency situations tend to be a collection of several small issues. Many of the signs of health issues in pets are overlooked daily. The body is an amazing organ and can withstand a large amount of trauma and pain. Unfortunately, even the body will have to succumb to injury when too many systems and organs are affected. Through routine diagnostics and procedures such as annual to biannual physical exams, bloodwork, urinalysis, radiographs, and dental hygiene, many pet emergencies may be avoided.

Overall, Animal Focus Vet is committed to prioritizing the well-being of both pets and their owners by preventing and treating medical emergencies through routine health checks.

~ Dr. Johnathan L. Snead

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