

**Emergency Visit Information** 

#### WAIT TIME:

- The average wait time for a walk-in emergency appointment is
  2-4 hours. Your wait time may be more or less than this based on the volume of pets each day.
  - We work on a first-come, first-serve basis, seeing the most critical patients first.
  - For new clients or pets visit our website to fill out a new client form while you wait to help expedite the process at: <u>https://www.westparkanimalhospital.com/new-patient-information</u>
- Please know that there may be an additional wait after you have been checked out or after your pet is returned to you. Our staff will need time to complete treatments, fill medications, and type go home instructions. Additionally, if a critical pet comes in that requires staff's immediate attention, this may also cause a delay. We thank you for your patience and understanding.
- If you need to leave while waiting to hear from the doctor, please let our staff know so that we can help make arrangements for you. For example, if you need to run an errand, go get a drink or food or you need to use the facilities. Please call us and let us know and we will assist you however we can.

#### **CHARGES:**

- Our emergency team is ready to see your pet from 8am-1am. If your pet is seen by an emergency doctor, you will be charged emergency fees, regardless of when you arrived. To avoid emergency fees, we ask that you call us to set a scheduled appointment for any non-emergency cases (vaccines etc..)
- If your pet needs extensive care, we will review an estimate with you and ask you for a deposit. This is standard practice at all emergency clinics. We do accept Care Credit (financed medical care) and can help you apply for this if needed or desired.

For more info, visit <u>https://www.carecredit.com/</u> or call (800) 677-0718.

#### **PROCEDURE:**

- If your pet has a critical of life-threatening emergency, please bring your pet inside the building or alert the staff in the lobby immediately.
   DO NOT wait to get checked in and triaged.
- For all other non-life-threatening emergencies: Our staff will come to your car to get a history on your pet and triage them.
- \*Triaging is the assignment of degrees of urgency to wounds or illnesses to decide the order of treatment of a large number of patients.
- Due to limited exam rooms inside, we are continuing to run services curbside, with exception of euthanasia's and critical patients.
- The doctor will communicate exam findings and recommended treatments with you over the phone. Please be sure to provide the staff who checks you in with the number of the cellular phone you have with you in the car while here.
- Due to high call volumes, Doctors will sometimes call you from their cell phones using a blocked number. PLEASE ANSWER ALL CALLS FROM WPAH OR A BLOCKED NUMBER WHILE HERE.

\*Please be kind to your veterinary staff. The veterinary profession has been working non-stop through Covid while dealing with a 30% increase in business. We are doing all we can to see each and every pet that needs us.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your pets/family! We appreciate all of our clients, your patience, understanding and kindness.

# Thank you for choosing West Park Animal Hospital

#### Website

https://www.westparkanimalhospital.com

# Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/WestParkAH

#### Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/WestParkAH

## TikTok

https://www.tiktok.com/@wpahvet

### Smartphone App

Google Play: <u>https://bit.ly/40psEO1</u> Apple Store: <u>https://apple.co/3KcU4Rw</u>

\*Download our Free Pet Health Network App and enjoy one touch scheduling, medication refills, and see your pets' medical records!

