



After-Hours Hospitalization Policy

Long Meadow Veterinary Clinic is committed to providing appropriate medical care while ensuring clients are fully informed about hospitalization options and limitations.

Referral to 24-Hour Care Facilities

It is always ideal for pets requiring continuous monitoring, intensive treatment, or critical care to be hospitalized at a 24-hour veterinary facility with on-site medical staff and advanced capabilities. Our medical team will discuss referral options and encourage you to explore local 24-hour facilities to understand care options and estimated costs.

Hospitalization at Long Meadow Veterinary Clinic

If transfer to a 24-hour facility is not possible or is declined, after-hours hospitalization at Long Meadow Veterinary Clinic may be offered when medically appropriate.

Please understand that Long Meadow Veterinary Clinic is not staffed 24 hours a day. During overnight hours, weekends, and holidays, there may be periods when no staff members are physically present in the facility.

Risks of Unattended Hospitalization

Unattended hospitalization carries inherent risks. A pet's condition may change, worsen, or become life-threatening during periods without on-site staff, and complications may not be immediately recognized or treated. These risks are higher for critically ill or unstable patients.

Informed Decision-Making

By choosing after-hours hospitalization at Long Meadow Veterinary Clinic instead of transfer to a 24-hour facility, owners acknowledge the limitations of overnight staffing and accept the associated risks. Owners remain financially responsible for all care provided.