



After-Hours Hospitalization Policy & Consent

Long Meadow Veterinary Clinic is committed to providing safe and appropriate care for hospitalized patients. This policy explains our approach to overnight, weekend, and holiday hospitalization.

Referral to 24-Hour Care Facilities

It is always ideal for pets requiring intensive monitoring, continuous treatment, or critical care to be hospitalized at a 24-hour veterinary facility with on-site medical staff and advanced critical care capabilities. Referral options and estimated costs are discussed to support informed decision-making.

Hospitalization at Long Meadow Veterinary Clinic

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

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 increased for critically ill or unstable patients.

Client Acknowledgement and Consent

By electing after-hours hospitalization at Long Meadow Veterinary Clinic instead of transfer to a 24-hour facility, you acknowledge that you have been informed of referral options, understand the limitations of overnight staffing, and accept the associated risks. You remain financially responsible for all hospitalization, treatments, and related care provided, regardless of outcome.

Patient Name: _____

Client Printed Name: _____

Client Signature (Handwritten or Electronic): _____

Date: _____

I understand and agree that my electronic signature is legally valid and enforceable under Texas law.