

- **Orange** – Needs medical attention. Lameness of any kind. Deep lacerations or puncture wounds. History of vomiting or diarrhea (per owner), mild dehydration, cough, or other potentially contagious condition. Mildly elevated temperature. May appear lethargic.
- **Red** – Critical patient requiring immediate medical attention. Severe dehydration. Heat stroke. Gaping wounds, possible internal bleeding. Laterally recumbent, unable or too painful to move or stand. Signs of shock. May require surgery. Extremely high or low temperature.
- **Black** – Poor prognosis. Death/euthanasia is probable.

Patient Identification/Health Status

- Following examination by the technician, animals will be tagged and identified by their current health status (based on the color code above). All animals should have one of the above colors in the form of either a paper collar, name tag, and/or other identifying object. Those animals assigned to any category other than green will need to be examined by the veterinarian on call, with patients in the black/red categories taking full priority over patients in the orange and yellow categories.

Once the veterinarian has examined the animal, the health status may change or may remain the same.

Medical Records

- SOAP
- Treatment/Medication Tracking Forms
- Transferring/Releasing Medical Records

Vaccinations?

- Owned
- Stray

Critically Ill/Injured

- Veterinarian Examination – Animals placed in the Orange/Red/Black category following the tech exam, must be examined by the veterinarian on call as soon as possible.
- Transfer for Emergency Care – As deemed appropriate, animals requiring surgery or other treatment beyond the capabilities that the shelter can provide will be transferred to a veterinary facility outside of the immediate area affected.
- Euthanasia

Potentially Contagious

Quarantine

- Animals who have bitten someone
- Potentially contagious animals

Body Care