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Medical Care & Emergency Response

FOSTER FAMILIES

Follow the care plan

Keep a current list of diagnoses, medications, dosing schedule, veterinary contacts, and restrictions. Administer only approved treatments. Record doses given.

Urgent red flags

Difficulty breathing, collapse, seizures, uncontrolled bleeding, severe trauma, suspected toxin exposure, or severe pain require immediate emergency veterinary care. Contact GNR as soon as safely possible.

Other concerns

Report persistent vomiting/diarrhea, reduced appetite, lethargy, wound changes, medication reactions, or new pain promptly. Do not assume symptoms are just decompression.

Before transport

Bring medication list, relevant records, and GNR contact details. Secure the dog appropriately. Follow veterinary instructions for post-surgical and medically fragile dogs.

Approval and costs

Authorized veterinarians: _____

After-hours contact: _____

Preapproval rules: _____

Emergency exceptions: _____

Financial limits: _____

Reimbursement procedures: _____

Reporting deadlines: _____

GNR leadership must insert authorized veterinarians, after-hours contact, preapproval rules, emergency exceptions, financial limits, reimbursement procedures, and reporting deadlines before issuing this as binding operational policy.

Documentation

Record symptoms, timing, photographs where appropriate, advice received, clinic details, treatment, and follow-up. Protect personal and medical information.

veterinary approval and reporting

Nonurgent veterinary care and purchases require written GNR preapproval. For suspected life-threatening illness or injury, seek emergency stabilization immediately and contact GNR as soon as safely possible; do not delay stabilization. GNR must approve continuing or elective treatment. Document symptoms and clinic instructions and send incident details within 12 hours. Financial responsibility follows the signed agreement, with exceptional costs reviewed by leadership.