

# ASEC SPECIALTY

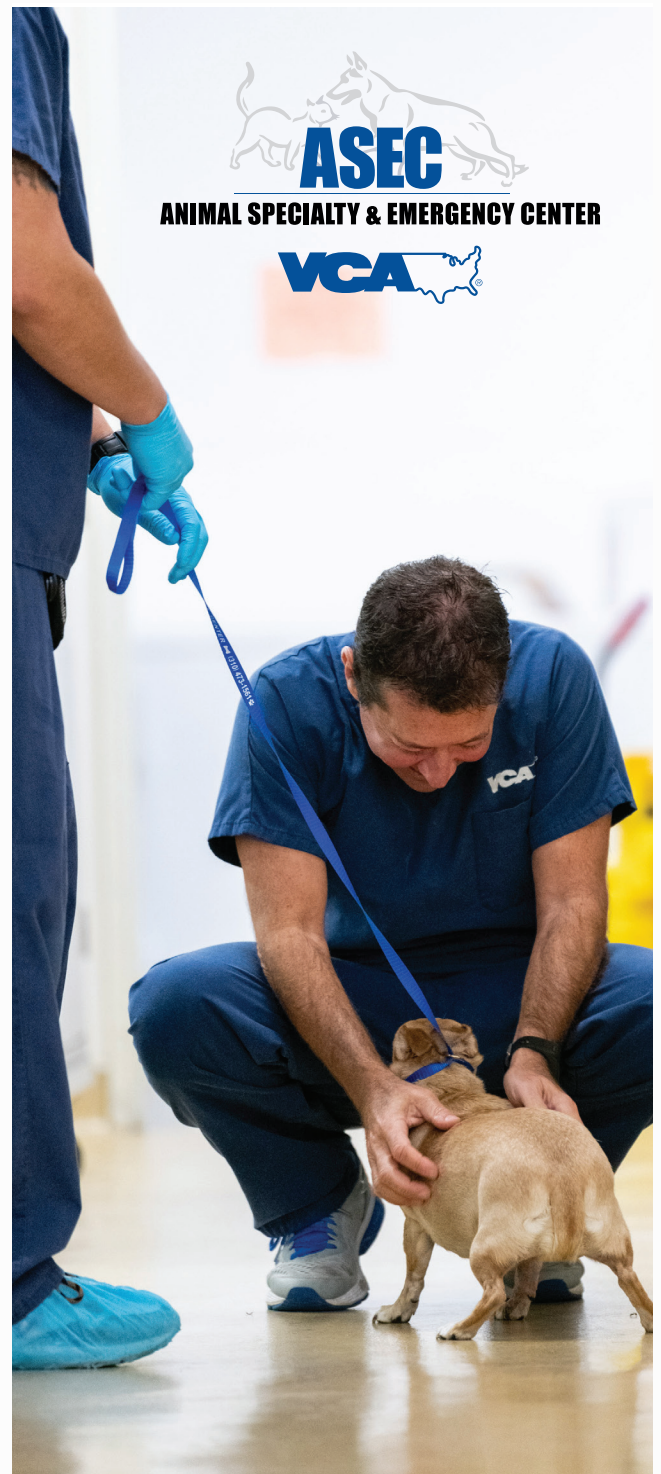
## What is a veterinary specialty and emergency hospital?

Like humans, pets sometimes suffer from medical conditions that can only be diagnosed or managed by veterinarians with special training or equipment. When you bring your pet to see one of our specialists, it is almost always because your primary veterinarian has recommended it to you based on what they believe is best for your pet's health and quality of life.

The senior veterinarians at our hospital have all completed at least a one-year rotating internship at a specialty/emergency hospital. Many also underwent several additional years of training in internships and residencies, then passed rigorous tests to qualify as board-certified specialists in a variety of disciplines.

### Making the most of your visit.

There will be a lot of information discussed during the initial visit. We have found that our clients' level of concern for their pet often makes it hard for them to remember a lot of that information. Our recommendation is that you bring a friend or family member to help you remember or ask the specialist if it is OK for you to record the conversation so you can listen to it later in a less-stressful setting.



## ASEC

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# ASEC EMERGENCY

## VCA ASEC is also a 24-hour emergency center.

We are open 24 hours a day, so we are often one of the only veterinary hospitals available to care for your pets when they get sick late at night, early in the morning, or on weekends and holidays. We also see your pets during the day when you aren't able to get an appointment with your primary vet, or when they are so sick that your primary vet thinks they need specialized care. Our emergency department is staffed by doctors and support staff who dedicate themselves exclusively to treating critically ill patients.

After they are stabilized, many of the patients seen through our emergency department turn out to have a complicated long-term medical issue that must be treated by a board-certified veterinary specialist with advanced training and equipment. However, we will always refer you back to your primary veterinarian so you can discuss the best course of action for your pet before setting up an appointment with a specialist.

### What can I expect when I bring my pet to your emergency room?

Our emergency and critical care department (often referred to by the abbreviation "ECC") works 24 hours a day and is often called upon to manage a large number of incoming patients at once. Like human emergency rooms, we must operate using a triage system where patients are seen in order of how sick they are, rather than when they check in. Rest assured, once it is time for your pet's full evaluation the doctor will spend the time necessary to treat your pet with the best care.



### Who are we?

We are VCA ASEC, a 24-hour animal specialty and emergency center located in West Los Angeles. We have been serving the pet-loving community for nearly 20 years. Our board-certified veterinary specialists represent the best in their areas of expertise, including **emergency and critical care, cardiology, internal medicine, oncology, radiology, and surgery**. Together, they form a team with countless years of experience aimed at addressing your pet's special medical needs.

We are proud to be a teaching hospital. Over the years, we have been lucky enough to serve many of our local primary care and specialty veterinarians through our internship and externship programs. We also feel extremely fortunate that members of the veterinary community in and around L.A. often consult our specialists for help treating patients with rare or complicated medical issues.