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The Governor has provided the following clarification of *EMERGENCY* veterinary services:

Guidelines for Emergency Veterinary Services:

- **Emergencies that require immediate attention**
- **Vaccinations essential for public health and animal welfare (rabies, parvo, distemper)**
- **Delay elective procedures**
- **Telemedicine first and then by appointment only (except in extreme emergencies)
(already established valid veterinarian – client – patient relationship)**
- **Protocols to incorporate social distancing**
- **Reduce staff to minimum numbers to provide essential care**
- **Curbside only for emergencies and essential vaccinations**
- **Aggressive disinfection –includes sanitizing several times during the day, between appointments and maximum deep cleaning at the end of each shift**

Please comply with the established guidelines.

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