

When Should I Worry?

Family Matters

One of the questions we hear most often at Amity is:

"Should I be worried?"

As pet guardians, we all worry about our pets. Sometimes it's obvious that something is wrong. Other times it's just a feeling—that little voice telling you your dog or cat isn't quite themselves.

At Amity, we've learned something important over the years:

Trust your instincts.

You know your pet better than anyone else. If something feels different, it's always worth paying attention.

Small Changes Can Mean Big Things

Pets rarely wake up one morning looking seriously ill. More often, they change gradually.

Perhaps they're:

- Sleeping more than usual.
- Eating a little less.
- Drinking a little more.
- Becoming quieter.
- Not greeting you at the door.
- Hesitating before jumping onto the sofa.
- Wanting shorter walks.
- Hiding away.
- Becoming unusually clingy.
- Acting "just not themselves."

None of these signs necessarily means your pet is seriously ill.

But all of them deserve your attention.

Don't Wait for Things to Become Dramatic

Many people believe they should only see a vet when their pet is obviously suffering.

In reality, the opposite is true.

The earlier we assess a problem, the more options we often have. Early diagnosis can mean simpler treatments, lower costs and, most importantly, better outcomes for your pet.

You are never "wasting our time" by asking for advice.

Sometimes It Really Is an Emergency

While many problems can wait for a routine appointment, some situations require immediate veterinary attention.

Seek urgent help if your pet:

- Has difficulty breathing.
- Collapses or cannot stand.
- Is repeatedly vomiting or has severe diarrhoea.
- Is unable to urinate.
- Has been involved in a road traffic accident.
- Has a seizure lasting several minutes or repeated seizures.
- Has swallowed something poisonous or toxic.
- Is bleeding heavily or has a severe injury.
- Has a bloated abdomen or is trying unsuccessfully to vomit.

If you're unsure whether something is an emergency, it's always safer to ask.

We'd Rather See You Early

One of the things that makes Amity different is that we don't measure success by how many treatments we provide.

We measure success by how many problems we prevent.

That's why **unlimited health checks are included with our Amity Essential Membership**. If you notice a lump, a limp, a change in behaviour or simply have a concern, we'd much rather examine your pet early than wait until a small problem becomes a much bigger one.

Sometimes we'll reassure you that everything is fine.

Sometimes we'll find something that needs attention.

Either way, you've done the right thing.

Peace of Mind Matters Too

A veterinary consultation isn't just for your pet.

It's for you as well.

Sometimes the greatest value isn't the medication or the diagnosis—it's leaving with a clear understanding of what's happening and knowing what to watch for next.

That's why we believe education is such an important part of every consultation.

Because the more you understand, the more confident you'll become as your pet's guardian.

Your pet depends on you to notice the little things.

And you can depend on us to help you understand them.

Because they're not just your pet.

They're family.

Family Matters.

If you need more information, book an appointment with an Amity vet. We're here to Empower You Through Education and help you become your pet's greatest advocate.