

Below are some major signs that indicate an infectious disease may be present. If you observe these or other signs that concern you, follow the procedure below and **seek help from your veterinarian**.

If you observe any signs of infectious disease, be sure to:

1. **Record** the signs you observe on the animal's exam form
 2. **Isolate** the animal away from healthy animals
 3. **Disinfect** the exam area and any instruments you used and **wash** your hands well
 4. **Contact** your veterinarian to determine next steps
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Eyes, Nose, Ears, Mouth & Throat

Discharge from eyes or nose

Coughing and/or sneezing and/or drooling

Reddened membrane around eyes (conjunctivitis)

Ulcers in the mouth (tongue/gum) or on the nose

Pale or jaundiced (yellowed) gums or conjunctiva

Enlarged lymph nodes

Digestive Tract and Abdomen

Vomiting, retching or gagging

Diarrhea, especially with blood

Distended abdomen

Loss of appetite

Coat and Skin

Patchy or circular hair loss and scabbing

Genitourinary Tract

Penile or vaginal discharge

Nervous System

Depression

Seizures

Paralysis

Neurological abnormalities
such as rapid eye movement,
staggering, twitching

Other Important Signs

Pain

Temperature less than 99° F
or greater than 103° F

Examples:

Discharge from Nose or Eyes		
		
Mild crusty nose	Discharge from nose and eyes	Dried discharge below left eye and around nose

Hair Loss		
		
Round bald patch on back of ear	Significant bare patches	Hair loss and scabbing around eyes

More Examples:

Conjunctivitis	Mouth Ulcers	
		
<p>Left eye has severely inflamed conjunctiva, the membrane surrounding the eye</p>	<p>Severe ulcers</p>	<p>Moderate ulcers near tip of tongue</p>

Jaundice	Distended Abdomen
	
<p>Pale yellow gum and mouth tissues</p>	<p>Extremely distended, fluid filled abdomen</p>