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Subject	After Hours Call Out for Seriously Sick or Injured Animals or Stray Livestock
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Policy

Council treats all animals humanely.
Council will give advice and respond appropriately to all calls for after hours help for sick or injured companion animals.
Advice will also be given about stray horses, cows, goats and sheep.
‘Animals’ means companion animals, and livestock.
‘Vet’ means veterinarian.
Injured or sick animals
You should take the injured or seriously sick animal to the RSPCA before 10 pm.
If you have no transport, ask for an RSPCA animal ambulance.
If the RSPCA is unable to assist you then the Council Duty Officer will make a decision on whether Council will pick up the animal.
Council will consider having the animal taken to its vet for emergency treatment if the animal is seriously diseased, starved, injured or in a distressed state.

Procedure

The vet may suggest that it is humane to end the life of the animal. The Duty Officer may authorise the vet to give the animal a lethal injection. After 10 pm, Council will respond as considered appropriate by the duty officer to all reports of seriously sick or injured animals.
Stray horses, cattle or other large animals
 If the stray animal is on your property, then you should restrain it by a rope or in other way to help the Duty Officer collect it.
 The Duty Officer may decide on the best way to deal with the stray animal. If you made the complaint, then you will be informed by the Duty Officer on how the situation will be managed. This may mean waiting until other staff start work.

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