



HOW TO SPOT A SEIZURE



Did you know a seizure is one of the most common concerns we see in neurology? Seizures can be divided into 3 phases, the pre-ictal phase (before), ictal (during), and post ictal (after).

The most common seizure presentation we see is the generalized tonic-clonic seizure (grand mal) and some seizures may be only partial or focal.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- › Loss of consciousness
- › Falling over and paddling of the limbs
- › Possible jaw chomping
- › Loss of bladder control
- › Possible apnea (holding their breath)
- › Chewing movements
- › Facial or ear twitching
- › Behavior changes (aggression)
- › Running fits (cats)
- › Hallucinations such as barking, growling or biting at nothing
- › Involuntary movements
- › Flank chewing
- › Drooling
- › Changes in pupil shape and size
- › As well as numerous other possible presentations

Some pets may experience loss of vision, anxiety, aggression or imbalance for a few days following a seizure.

Seizures can have a variety of causes in dogs and cats. Your neurologist will use your pet's history and do a thorough neurologic exam to make the best recommendations for your pet.

If your dog or cat experiences a seizure or one of these episodes, we encourage you to reach out to Pacific Northwest Pet ER & Specialty Center at (360) 635-5302 or pacificnwwvets.com.

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