




SPECIALISTS IN COMPANION ANIMAL NEUROLOGY

WHEN TO REFER

	 Treat at your hospital with possible eventual referral	 Initiate treatment and call for appointment in the near future	 Call for immediate consultation
SEIZURES	Young dog, 1-2 seizures, normal between seizures <small>NOTE: If your patient experiences more than 1 seizure in 24 hours, please send them to the closest emergency veterinarian.</small>	Older dog, any number of seizures, mild changes to mentation or gait between seizures	Any dog with a single seizure longer than 5 minutes, cluster seizures or persistent abnormal mentation
DOWN DOG	Mild neck or back pain, mild proprioceptive or gait deficits	Persistent pain, static or worsening proprioceptive or gait deficits	Intractable pain** or unable to walk

**Still painful on 3+ medications

1. A patient must have a same day exam by a primary care veterinarian
2. A veterinarian must call SCAN and speak with a neurologist directly.
 *** If after 5 PM and on weekends, please call the doctor hotline number from your hospital - (727) 900-6500
PLEASE do not give the hotline number to clients - this is for veterinarians only
PLEASE do not call a neurologist's personal cell phone - this may delay care for your patient
3. Email all records including doctor notes, bloodwork, and radiographs (if pet is over the age of 5) to infoclearwater@scanfl.com
4. After the above steps are complete, SCAN will contact the pet owner to arrange a transfer and establish expectations

