The Emergency and Critical Care Service provides immediate evaluation, stabilization and treatment of pets with emergent or serious conditions, as well as ongoing care for critically ill or injured pets 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We are a Level 1-rated teaching hospital by the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society, the highest rating that can be awarded to a veterinary emergency and critical care facility. We are one of only three emergency and critical care services to earn this ranking in the Southeast and one of 18 nationwide.
WHAT WE DO
In addition to the urgent care provided at arrival, a team approach is used to provide comprehensive expert care through collaboration with other specialty services within the teaching hospital including cardiology, neurology, internal medicine, ophthalmology, oncology and surgery. We strive to provide the highest level of patient care.
A state-of-the-art Intensive Care Unit operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for patients requiring careful monitoring and extensive care. Individualized care is provided by our highly skilled veterinary technician/nursing team, many of whom are specialty trained and certified in emergency and critical care. Emergency and Critical Care faculty and residents are available 24/7 to direct patient care and consult as required.

HOW WE DO IT
The Emergency and Critical Care Service has the benefit of access to advanced equipment for diagnosis and treatment:
- Mechanical ventilation (respiratory life support)
- Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT): a form of dialysis for supporting kidney function; treating certain toxicities, fluid overload, and some immune mediated diseases
- Nutritional support
- Oxygen supplementation
- Blood and plasma transfusion
- Bedside ultrasonography
- Noninvasive monitoring and invasive hemodynamic monitoring
- Advanced pain management

WHO WE ARE
The Emergency and Critical Care Service is composed of two faculty members who are board certified by the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. Additionally, the service has four residents, a director of critical care nursing, two technician supervisors and 21 veterinary technicians and assistants.

APPOINTMENTS
Appointments are never needed for the Emergency and Critical Care Service, as we are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. However, please call ahead if possible.