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**Compassion-First Pet Hospitals Offers Free Emergency Care  
to All Service Animals Impacted by the Government Shutdown**  
*Protecting the health and wellness of service animals*

Tinton Falls, NJ – January 19, 2019 – Compassion-First Pet Hospitals, a family of well-known and respected specialty, emergency and general medicine veterinary hospitals across the United States, announced today it has taken an extraordinary measure to ensure the health and wellness of America’s service animals by offering free emergency veterinary medical care to those service animals impacted by the ongoing government shutdown.

Beginning today, all TSA and government service animals needing emergency veterinary care will be taken care of without cost, at a Compassion-First Pet Hospital. Located in more than 10 states, animal caregivers simply need to bring the service animal to one of our locations and provide their government ID.

“We are honored to have these animals serve in vital roles within our government,” says John Payne, Chief Executive Officer of Compassion-First Pet Hospitals. “It is our responsibility to ensure they are healthy and are not put at risk during the shutdown.”

To locate a Compassion-First Pet hospital, visit [www.compassionfirstpets.com](http://www.compassionfirstpets.com).

**About Compassion-First Pet Hospitals**

Compassion-First Pet Hospitals is a family of well-known and respected specialty, emergency and general medicine veterinary hospitals across the United States. Founded in 2014 by John Payne, Compassion-First Pet Hospitals is comprised of hospitals working together through collaboration to advance veterinary medicine and increase access to multidisciplinary expertise. Compassion-First Hospitals focuses on placing pet owners and their pets at the center of care. For a list of Compassion-First Pet Hospitals, visit [www.compassionfirstpets.com](http://www.compassionfirstpets.com).

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