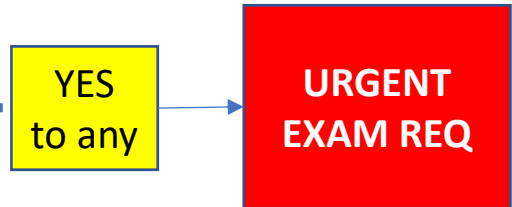
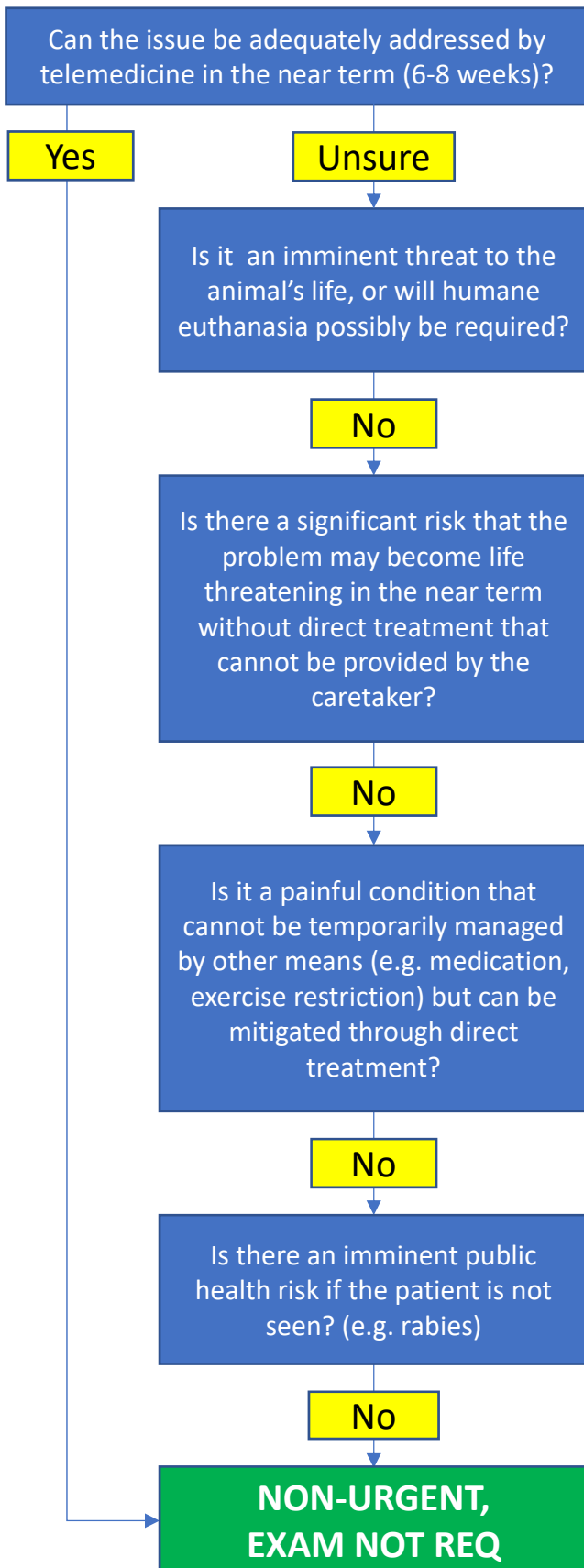


# TRIAGE APPROACH TO DETERMINING NEED FOR PHYSICAL EXAM / DIRECT TREATMENT



**Routine rabies vaccination** (including previously unvaccinated animals) can be reasonably postponed if the owner is able to manage to animal in such a way as to minimize the risk of exposure until the animal can be vaccinated. Veterinarians must use their judgement in determining if the animal cannot be appropriately managed and is at increased risk of rabies exposure, and therefore routine rabies vaccination is essential.

**Rabies vaccination after a potential rabies exposure incident must continue to be given within 7 days if the offending animal (e.g. bat, wildlife) is not available for testing.**

Administration of boosters of vaccine series that have started can be continued if deemed necessary based on the animal's condition and circumstances (e.g. risk of exposure). Postpone other vaccinations if the risk of exposure can be managed otherwise in the interim.

**Spaying and neutering** are not urgent procedures.