



SO YOUR PET IS HAVING AN ULTRASOUND...

What is Ultrasound?

An ultrasound is a diagnostic imaging technique used to visualize internal organs and vessels for pathology. Ultrasonography involves exposing part of the body to high-frequency sound waves to produce pictures of the inside of the body. Ultrasound images are captured in real-time, so they can show the structure and movement of the body's internal organs, as well as blood flowing through blood vessels

Who will be performing my pet's Ultrasound?

A Veterinarian who has undergone further schooling and training in the field of radiology will be performing the ultrasound for your pet. They have written certified exams to become a board-certified Radiologist.

What is the procedure before the Ultrasound?

Once your Veterinarian has suggested having an ultrasound performed on your pet, they will fill out a referral form in your file, so it is ready for the Radiologists' review on the day of the ultrasound. We require a deposit of \$100 to hold your pets' place on the ultrasound list, and this deposit can be applied to the ultrasound invoice at the end of the day. In most cases, you will be given a drop off time for your pet for the day of the ultrasound, and instructed not to feed your pet after 10pm the night before. Your pet can have water during the night but taken away in the morning. This is to ensure that the Radiologist can view all edges of your pet's internal organs without food/stool being in the way, and in case sedation is required for the ultrasound.

What do I need to know on the day of the Ultrasound appointment?

Please ensure your pet has had all their morning medications (unless otherwise directed by your Veterinarian) with the smallest bite of food possible.

Please drop off _____ at _____ am at Tsawwassen Animal Hospital. At that time, the Animal Health Technicians and Assistants will be checking your pet in at the hospital, reviewing the Ultrasound estimate with you, and collecting contact numbers where we can reach you during the day. Your pet will then be weighed and shaved (on either their abdomen or their chest). The Radiologist usually arrives in the mid morning, and will choose the order of the patients at that time. Each ultrasound procedure takes approximately 20 minutes, starting with a review of any xrays your pet has had (if any) and then the ultrasound itself. When your Veterinarian reviews the ultrasound with the Radiologist, your Veterinarian will make a treatment plan (if needed) and then your pet will get to go home. Because we cannot estimate when your pet will be ready to go home, we ask that you be prepared for them to stay with us at the Hospital for the majority of the day. We are open until 8pm on Ultrasound day (1 Thursday of the month) we are happy to look after your pet until you are able to come and pick them up. We want your pet to get the best care we can give, so we will contact you as soon as your pet is ready to go home. Please feel free to check in with the Hospital Staff during the day to see how your pet is. Your Veterinarian will be contacting you with the Ultrasound results once they have a chance to sit down with your file and the results and have time to speak with you, that way they do not have to rush and have time to answer any and all questions you may have.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask any of the Staff, or our Ultrasound Coordinator, _____.

Client: _____ **Patient:** _____

Ultrasound Date: _____ **Drop-Off Time:** _____