

WHAT IS AN ULTRASOUND?

Ultrasound imaging is a common diagnostic medical procedure that uses high-frequency sound waves to produce dynamic images (sonograms) of organs, tissues, or blood flow inside the body. The procedure involves using a transducer, which sends a stream of high-frequency sound waves into the body and detects their echoes as they bounce off internal structures. The sound waves are then converted to electric impulses, which are processed to form an image displayed on a computer monitor.

SCHEDULING MY PET'S ULTRASOUND

- ❖ A mobile **board certified veterinary radiology specialist** servicing Southern Californian veterinary hospitals will perform your pet's ultrasound. Our goal is to provide your pet with the best medical diagnostic testing, by a specialist, at our facility.
- ❖ The radiologist will provide a window of arrival time to All Pets, however, because of the unpredictability of traffic and how long it may take at any given hospital that time **could be later or a little earlier.**
- ❖ While we understand this is a stressful time for you, we do not have control over the specialists schedule and we will keep you up to date on her schedule.
- ❖ It is recommended to drop your pet off 1-2 hours before the estimated arrival time or if needed your pet can be dropped off earlier than the provided window of arrival time for the specialist.
- ❖ It is recommended to fast your pet a minimum of 8 hours prior to the ultrasound, water is okay.
- ❖ Most pets will need to have the underneath side of their chest or belly shaved.
- ❖ Sedation is not required for the majority of pets. If sedation is required you will be notified.
- ❖ Every effort will be made to schedule your pet's ultrasound on a day that your primary care veterinarian is at the hospital, but it may not always be possible. Be assured that one of our other veterinarians will be in communication with the radiologist. If there are any immediate concerns during the ultrasound you will be contacted at the number left on the authorization sheet.

RESULTS OF YOUR PET'S ULTRASOUND

A complete report from the specialist on the results of your pet's ultrasound is expected in 48-72 hours. Your pet's primary veterinarian will contact you once the report has been received and reviewed.

As always if your pet's condition is getting worse, or you have any additional questions please call us at
All Pets Veterinary Hospital 310-547-2784