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VETERINARY
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OUTPATIENT ULTRASOUND CLIENT INFORMATION

Prior to ultrasound appointment:

- You or your veterinarian can call to schedule your appointment; we can advise you of the cost at that time
- The ultrasound appointment will take approximately 1-2 hours, unless an emergency occurs or your pet needs sedation
- We ask that you wait in the office during your pet's appointment
 - ⇒ Please have an accurate and reachable phone number for us if you leave the office
 - ⇒ The pet owner, or another person above the age of 18, who is authorized by the owner to make immediate CPR, diagnostic, and financial decisions, must be present at the appointment
- Your pet should be fasted (no food for 8 hours, water is ok) if possible – diabetics or young, hypoglycemic patients are possible exceptions and we can help advise you on this
- The area that will be ultrasounded is shaved
- You are not allowed in the ultrasound room for legal reasons – we apologize for any inconvenience
- If your pet is not stable on the day of the appointment, we will transfer the case to the Emergency or Internal Medicine departments for stabilization and appropriate monitoring

Day of appointment:

- A technician will meet with you at the beginning of the appointment to obtain recent history, sign paperwork, and discuss the procedure
- If sedation is needed, we will provide the additional costs and your pet will have to stay longer for observation
- The radiologist will discuss ultrasound results with your family veterinarian, then you, if the schedule allows – a radiology technician will provide discharge instructions if the radiologist cannot relay results
 - ⇒ You and your family veterinarian can then make treatment decisions together
- If transfer to another specialist is recommended, we can facilitate that transfer with your family veterinarian's approval
- Payment is required at the time of service, unless other arrangements (CareCredit, etc.) have been approved by DVMS
- If aspirates are performed, results will be faxed from the lab directly to your family veterinarian to allow you both to make treatment decisions together
 - ⇒ Allow 1–2 business days for aspirate results