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Outpatient Abdominal Ultrasound: Client Information Sheet

Bridgetown Veterinary Emergency and Specialty offers ultrasounds for the feline and canine patients of all veterinarians in our area. At the request of your veterinarian, your pet may come to BVER for an abdominal ultrasound even if they do not regularly see a BVER veterinarian.

Is my pet a good candidate for an outpatient ultrasound?

This service is meant to provide imaging for stable patients, but should your pet be assessed as having an emergency, the veterinarians, and staff at BVER will be there to help.

If a thoracic, cervical or musculoskeletal ultrasound is being recommended, please have your veterinarian call the hospital directly to schedule.

How do I set up an appointment to get an abdominal ultrasound on my stable pet?

First, your veterinarian should fill out the Abdominal Ultrasound Referral Form. A BVER team member will contact you to set up an appointment once we have received the completed form.

Should my pet be fasted before an abdominal ultrasound?

Yes, please withhold your pet's food beginning at 12 midnight the night before (day of) the exam. You may give your pet water at any time before the exam. If your pet has medical issues that make fasting impossible, such as diabetes, please let us know. The fasting is important because a full stomach can make it difficult to see some abdominal organs.

If your pet requires oral sedation to facilitate a visit to the hospital, please have your primary veterinarian provide a prescription in advance of the appointment. If necessary, sedation can be performed during their scheduled appointment.

What will happen on the day of my pet's abdominal ultrasound?

Referral ultrasound exams will be scheduled at either specific appointment times or as a drop off.

For specific appointment times, on the day of your pet's scheduled referral ultrasound exam please arrive at BVER approximately 15 minutes before the scheduled exam time. You will be checked in by the front desk and your pet will wait with you. The technician dedicated to ultrasound will then greet you and your pet and take your pet back to the ultrasound suite for the examination. The ultrasound scan will take approximately 30-45 minutes. Your pet's abdomen will be shaved for optimal imaging.

If a drop off appointment is scheduled, your pet will be admitted to the hospital, and we will call you once the ultrasound is completed to let you know that your pet is ready to be picked up.

In the event that we find something of concern that needs to be immediately addressed while performing the ultrasound, a veterinarian will advise you of their findings. You can then decide how you would like to proceed.

An ultrasound report will be sent to your family veterinarian within 48 hours of the examination.

What is the cost of this service?

Please call us at (503) 489-9535 for the price of the abdominal ultrasound and related services.

Payment: Payment may be made by cash or credit card and is due at the time of service.