

Preparing for your Appointment

Imaging

Your pet has been scheduled for an Imaging appointment. This may include x-rays, ultrasound, endoscopy or other imaging procedures. This checklist will help you to prepare yourself and your pet for this important procedure.

For Radiology (X-Rays)

Your pet has been scheduled for Radiology appointment. Radiographs are x-rays and are designed to help your Veterinarian “see” inside your pet’s body.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS PREPARING FOR RADIOGRAPHS

- If your Veterinarian has recommended anesthesia for this x-ray study then please follow the Anesthesia PreVisit Checklist (briefly, no food within 12 hours of the procedure and water is fine up until the procedure). Otherwise no fasting or special diet is necessary in preparation for this test.
- Alert your Veterinarian of any previous surgeries your pet may have had prior to this appointment.
- ALWAYS CONTACT YOUR VETERINARIAN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT PREPARING FOR THE APPOINTMENT.

Considerations for X-rays of the Chest

- No specific precautions are needed for Chest x-rays

Considerations for X-rays of the Abdomen

- Unless otherwise directed by your Veterinarian, please allow your pet to have a bowel movement prior to the appointment to empty the bladder and large intestinal tract if possible. This will assist the doctor in their interpretation of the X-ray films.

Considerations for X-rays of the Legs

- No special requirements exist of most x-rays of the front or rear legs.
- If you pet is very painful, it may be necessary to sedate or anesthetize your pet prior to taking x-rays to keep your pet comfortable and quite during the procedure.

Considerations for Contrast Studies

Sometimes the Veterinarian must inject or feed a special contrast agent to the pet prior to taking x-rays. This is usually to specifically highlight an area of the body that the Veterinarian needs to look closely at in order to see any abnormalities. This will be performed by the Veterinary team the day of the x-rays and should not require any preparation from you except for the General Considerations listed above.