



PET OWNER APPOINTMENT INSTRUCTIONS

WE'VE PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF WHAT TO EXPECT ALONG THE WAY.

We look forward to seeing you!

SCHEDULING YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- We will contact you within 24-72 hours of receiving your pets veterinary referral to schedule your appointment.
- Appointments are scheduled Monday-Friday.
- Pets are admitted in the morning and discharged the same day when ready to go home at pre-arranged times.



WHAT TO DO BEFORE:

In preparation for your appointment, you should:

- Give your pet their normal meal the evening before, by 6:00 pm. No food or treats after that meal (unless directed otherwise by your veterinarian)
- Continue to allow water for your pet.
 - Give Gabapentin and/or Trazodone at 6pm the night before
 - Give Gabapentin and/or Trazodone 1-2 hours prior to the appointment
 - It's OK to give the medications in a small "meatball" of food.
- When you arrive at the Imaging Center, we will ask when your pet had that last meal the evening before, what medications were given, and the time of the medications.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING ULTRASOUND:

- **Ultrasound imaging** itself is non-invasive, but tense animals create image interference and light sedation may be necessary to ensure image quality.
- **Shaving:** Nearly all pets need some fur shaved to ensure good diagnostic imaging.
- **Sampling:** If sampling is recommended, then sedation is required.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CT:

Pets must be anesthetized for a CT scan. Although anesthetic complications can occur, they are extremely rare at our SonoPath Imaging Center.

- **All patients have an intravenous catheter** placed prior to the CT scan and are closely monitored.
- **Most pets may be given an iodine-based dye intravenously** and the dye in a few cases may cause side effects that are brief. Side effects may include diarrhea.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER:

After the CT scan your pet is closely monitored until awake and then in a recovery space in the center. Your pet will be at the center for part of the day but will not stay overnight.

- Pets are discharged the same day when ready to go home at pre-arranged times.
- You can expect a quieter pet tonight and tomorrow which is completely normal after any sedation procedure. If your pet appears wobbly, please keep away from stairs and leash walk only when outside.
- We put protective ointment into their eyes to keep them lubricated so they may look a little shiny.
- **Feeding:** You can feed a small amount of food and water later in this evening. Give any medications your current veterinarian recommends.
- Payment to SonoPath Imaging is due in full when services are rendered. We accept credit cards and EFT (account and routing number needed).

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SERVICES FOR YOUR PET:

A Computed Tomography (CT) scan, is a collection of X-rays taken from different angles to produce cross-sectional images offering a clear window into the body. CT patients require general anesthesia.

ULTRASOUND SERVICES FOR YOUR PET:

Diagnostic ultrasound utilizes high frequency sound waves to create a moving image of the area of interest in which they are directed. Ultrasound patients typically only receive oral sedation and sometimes injectable sedation when needed and are not under general anesthesia for the scan

PLEASE FOLLOW UP WITH YOUR REGULAR VETERINARIAN FOR THE RESULTS AND ANY FURTHER DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT.

Thank you, Team SonoPath!

Reminders for your appointment:

Date: _____ Time: _____