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Pre- Ultrasound/ Echo Information

It is important to provide our clients with vital information on what to expect on the day of your pet's ultrasound and/or echocardiogram. Ultrasounds performed on different areas of your pet's body require different preparations.

You are **required** to withhold food for 10-12 hours prior an abdominal ultrasound; minimal water intake is acceptable. This requirement does not apply for an echocardiogram. We can best examine the urinary bladder when it is full of urine. This is why your cat or dog should **not** urinate for 2-3 hours before the ultrasound is performed, if possible. Once your ultrasound or echocardiogram is scheduled and confirmed we will collect a **\$300 deposit** to secure your appointment date. If deposit is not provided at least 24 hours before your appointment time it will be **cancelled**.

The area to be examined **will** be shaved so clear images can be produced. Shaving is **not** required for an echocardiogram. While most pets will remain still and cooperative during the ultrasound, some will need to be sedated. We can provide clients with medication to help keep patients calm during an ultrasound/echo; please call the office 1-2 days prior to your appointment date for any medications. In some cases, injectable sedation is needed to perform the ultrasound. With injectable sedation we require the client's approval prior to performing the ultrasound/echo.

We do our best to notify our clients of the exact time that a patient needs to be here at RBVS. We are informed of the ultra-sonographer's estimated time of arrival 1-2 days prior to the scheduled appointment date. If you need any special accommodations please call the office for further assistance. **ALL patients** must arrive at least **10-15 minutes** before the ultra-sonographer arrives to RBVS. **ALL patients** must be **dropped off** as this helps keep the waiting room clear and allows the technicians to prep each patient accordingly. We ask clients to be patient as an ultrasound can be lengthy and sometimes take up to 35-45 minutes per patient. We also like to give our doctors enough time to speak with the ultra-sonographer about any significant findings. Once a patient is ready to be discharged, we will call the primary number on the account with a pick-up time.

All written reports and/or finalized consults will arrive the following 1-2 business days. Once your pet's primary doctor receives the final report, he or she will call you to go over all significant findings and answer all your questions. Please reserve all your questions for the doctors as the technicians are not aware of your pet's diagnosis.