

CLIENT INFORMATION SHEET – X-RAY

Radiography is a simple, painless and non-invasive procedure that uses x-rays to produce images of region of the body such as the skeleton, thorax and abdomen. Radiographs often complement the information provided by a cardiac or abdominal ultrasound examination.

You will need to make an appointment for your pet to have radiographs taken – they may need to be admitted to the hospital for up to a few hours, but may remain for the day if necessary. To prepare your pet for their x-ray examination, please do not feed your pet after 8 pm the night before the procedure. Water is permitted.

Patients are normally lightly sedated to help them relax and allow proper positioning for the radiographs to be obtained without stress. If your pet is painful or anxious, sedation is a necessity. For x-raying some regions of the skeleton such as the spine, or if fractures are suspected, general anaesthesia may be required. The medications used for sedation or anaesthesia are very safe and tailored to your pet – your veterinarian will inform us if there are any contraindications.

Following the examination the radiologist will contact your veterinarian to discuss the findings; a written report will also be emailed, faxed or sent to your veterinarian. When your pet is discharged, you will be given a brief indication of the findings, but we ask that you visit or contact your veterinarian to fully discuss the findings from the study and any further recommendations as they relate to the clinical problem of your pet.

The Veterinary Imaging Centre (ph: 9204 0400) is located at 305 Selby St Osborne Park, within Perth Veterinary Specialists. The practice is close to Scarborough Beach Road and there are many local coffee shops and interesting browsing opportunities if you would like to fill in time while your pet is being examined (the radiologist will let you know how long the procedure will be expected to take when they admit your pet). Please leave a mobile phone number with the receptionist in case we need to contact you.

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