Ohio State Veterinary Mobile Ultrasound Service

What to Expect

Checklist for Referring Veterinarians

• **Patient should be fasted** (water is ok) for 12 hours. Please call with questions, concerns or unique scenarios.

• **Sedation protocol should be decided ahead of time.** Sedation will not be required in all cases, but for efficiency purposes, please have a protocol and doses prepared in case it is needed.

• **At least one technician will be needed to help position, restrain and comfort the patient.**

• **Exams should be performed in a dimly lit room with space for the patient and machine.** Usually an exam room or procedure room works well.

• If a full abdomen exam, **please have the patient shaved before the radiologist arrives.** This will make the process more efficient and allow more time for diagnostics.

• **Please acquire approval for FNAs prior to exam.** Assessment of coagulation status may be requested in certain cases.

Information for you to share with Clients

• **Their pet will need to be fasted** (no food, but water is ok) for 12 hours prior to the abdominal ultrasound. This will allow for a more thorough exam of the abdominal organs.

• **Their pet will be shaved.** Clipping the hair from the abdomen is usually needed to acquire diagnostic ultrasound images of the abdomen.

• **Their pet may need to be sedated.** Although ultrasound is a painless procedure, it is sometimes difficult for patients to lay still for the time it takes for a thorough exam (30-60 minutes). Sedation is recommended for pets that are painful or anxious.

Payment will be expected from the referring veterinarian at time of service, either online via credit card or by check. Information provided below, online via our FAQs at vet.osu.edu/vmc/mobile or on our referring veterinarian site at vet.osu.edu/vmc, under Forms and Information.

Please make checks payable to The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center and mail to P.O. Box 715475, Columbus, OH 43271-5475. If paying online, please visit: vet.osu.edu/vmc/hospital-payment

Any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Dr. Habing at 517-202-6283 or by email at habing.3@osu.edu. You may also contact our referral coordinator, Steph Yochem at 614-292-0950.

We look forward to being of service to you and your clients.

Thank you!