



*For referring veterinarians only*

# 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](http://vet.osu.edu/vmc/mobile) or on our referring veterinarian site at [vet.osu.edu/vmc](http://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](http://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](mailto: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!