



## Mobile Ultrasound & Specialty Services

### Client Procedure & Treatment Consent

Ultrasound is an amazing noninvasive tool to diagnose and monitor disease. To achieve optimal images, there are a four major guidelines that we will need to take into account. Failure to comply may result in a prolonged examination and less than ideal image quality. By following these rules, we will maximize the amount of information gained, optimize our images and minimize stress.

Please, please, please discuss any concerns with your local veterinarian PRIOR to your appointment. And if your pet requires that we forgo a guideline, don't worry, we will do everything possible to make your pets' images as close to perfect as possible.

1. Fasting. Please hold off on feeding your pet for a minimal of 8 hours. Water is always permissible and encouraged. If your pet is very young, ill, requires insulin or alternative medications that must be administered with food, please discuss this with your primary veterinarian.

Please initial: \_\_\_\_\_ My pet was fasted for xxx hours.

2. Shaving of the fur. Depending on the type of ultra sonographic study, we may need to clip your pets fur to achieve the best image possible.

Please initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand my pet will be shaved.

3. Sedation. Ultrasound requires a calm pet that can be restrained and positioned to lay on their back (within a trough bed) or on their side (on a table). If you feel that your pet will not relax or is overtly anxious or aggressive, we

recommend sedation. We suspect that your pet may thank you in the end.

Please Initial:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I authorize sedation if necessary for my pet at an additional fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, I do not authorize sedation for my pet.

4. Sampling. Diagnostic inferences can be made from ultrasound imaging however, tissue samples are always necessary to make a specific diagnosis. Because we are a mobile business, we advise you to consider and consent prior to your appointment. This will greatly help to reduce diagnostic delays.

\*Please note this does not apply to echocardiogram examinations.

The two types of sampling that is commonly preformed are fine needle aspiration and biopsy. A fine needle aspiration collects cells with a small needle and carries minimal risk. Many disease processes (including cancer) can be diagnosed by this noninvasive method, however it does not provide as much

information as a biopsy. Biopsies collect tissue for a histopathological diagnosis. Because it is a larger sampling instrument, there is a risk of bleeding and clotting parameters are routinely checked.

Please initial:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I authorize sampling if deemed necessary

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, I do not authorize sampling, please call first. I am aware another appointment may be required for sampling if I am unreachable.