



YOUR PET'S CARDIAC VISIT

WE ARE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CARDIAC CARE FOR YOUR PET WHILE ENSURING A COMFORTABLE AND STRESS-FREE EXPERIENCE.

SCHEDULING AND CONFIRMATION



- **Appointment Scheduling:** Your pet's cardiac appointment will be scheduled through your primary care veterinary clinic.
- **Confirmation and History Form:** Once confirmed, you will receive an email with a link to a medical history form. Please fill out this form before the appointment to provide us with important background information about your pet's health.

PREVISIT PREPARATION



- **Calming Your Pet's Experience:** To help reduce anxiety and ensure a comfortable experience, we recommend pre-visit pharmaceuticals for most pets.
- **Prescription by Your Veterinarian:** These medications are prescribed by your primary care veterinarian. If recommended, they will provide detailed instructions on how and when to give the medication.
- **Your pet does not need to be fasted and can eat their normal meals and snacks.**

DURATION AND DROP-OFF



- **Quick and Comfortable Procedure:** The echocardiogram and exam typically take about 15 minutes.
- **Drop-Off and Waiting Time:** Your pet may need to wait at the clinic before or after the exam, depending on the clinic's schedule and workflow. This ensures that your pet is comfortable and calm before the procedure.

DURING THE APPOINTMENT

- **Comprehensive Cardiac Exam:** Dr. Hsu, our board-certified veterinary cardiologist, will perform a detailed cardiac physical examination.
- **Echocardiogram and ECG:** An echocardiogram (heart ultrasound) along with an ECG (electrocardiogram) will be conducted to assess heart function and rhythm.
- **Your pet will typically lie on their left and right sides, but positioning may vary based on your pet's comfort.**
- **Ultrasound gel and alcohol will be applied to the skin for better imaging.**
- **No Fur Clipping Required:** In 99% of cases, shaving is not necessary. If it is needed for better imaging, your vet will contact you.

REVIEWING THE FINDINGS



- **Consultation with Your Veterinarian:** Dr. Hsu will review the findings with your primary care veterinarian.
- **Detailed Report and Explanation:** You will receive an email report with an explanation of the findings and any recommended next steps.
- **Medications:** Any medications will be prescribed by your primary care veterinarian.

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