

## **Outpatient Ultrasound Client Information Sheet**

Angell Animal Medical Center offers outpatient ultrasounds for feline and canine patients at our Angell West location in Waltham. Your pet may come to Angell for an abdominal ultrasound even if they do not regularly see an Angell veterinarian. Please read the following information to see if this service is a good fit for you and your pet.

### **Is my pet a good candidate for an outpatient ultrasound?**

This service is meant to provide imaging for stable patients; those in need of sedation, tissue sampling, medical, surgical, or emergency care should be seen by a veterinarian here at Angell to determine the best course of action for your pet.

### **How do I set up an appointment to get an abdominal ultrasound for my stable pet?**

First, call our Angell West team at 781-902-8400 to set up an outpatient ultrasound appointment. We currently offer these appointments Monday through Friday at Angell West in Waltham (times vary). Please note that an outpatient ultrasound **does not** include an Internal Medicine consultation. If you would like a consultation, please book an appointment with our Internal Medicine service by calling 617-541-5186.

### **Should my pet be fasted before an abdominal ultrasound?**

Yes, please withhold your pet's food beginning at 12 midnight the night before (day of) the exam. You may give your pet water at any time before the exam. If your pet has medical issues that make fasting impossible, such as diabetes, please let us know. The fasting is important because a full stomach can make it difficult to see some abdominal organs.

### **What will happen on the day of my pet's abdominal ultrasound?**

Ultrasound exams at Angell West in Waltham can be booked at either specific appointment times or as an afternoon drop off.

For specific appointment times, on the day of your pet's scheduled abdominal ultrasound exam please arrive at Angell West approximately 15 minutes before the scheduled exam time. You will be checked in by the front desk and your pet will wait with you. A valid driver's license or state ID is required for check-in. The technician dedicated to ultrasound will then greet you and your pet and take your pet back to the ultrasound suite for the examination. The ultrasound scan

will take approximately 30 minutes. Your pet's abdomen will be shaved for optimal imaging. After the study we will return your pet to you. You will then be able to check out with the front desk. The veterinarian (the scan will be done by an internist at Angell West in Waltham) who performed the ultrasound will fax or email a report of their findings to your veterinarian after completing the exam.

For afternoon drop offs, on the day of your pet's scheduled referral ultrasound exam, please arrive at Angell West between 1pm-2pm. Your pet will be admitted to the hospital for the afternoon, and we will call you once the ultrasound is completed to let you know that your pet is ready to be picked up. An earlier drop off can be accommodated if needed.

In the event that our internist finds something of concern that needs to be immediately addressed while performing the ultrasound, they or another Angell veterinarian will advise you of their findings in person. You can then decide how you would like to proceed.

**What is the cost for this service?**

Please call us at 781-902-8400 ext. 4009 for the price of the abdominal ultrasound and related services.

**Payment:** Payment may be made by cash or credit card and is due at the time of service.