

So your Pet is coming to see us for an Echocardiogram!

Here's a few important things we need from you:

- 1) Please be sure to pick up and administer the pre-visit anti-anxiety medications that will be provided approximately 1 week prior to your appointment.
 - a) Some patients may require an additional sedative for accurate readings - this is reflected on the estimate.
- 2) Your pet may eat their regular meal in the morning, unless otherwise directed.

What to expect the day of the procedure:

- 1) One of our staff members will be **checking you in** at the time of your appointment. They will go over the estimate we have sent home with you and get signatures for approval. We will also collect a contact phone number in case of emergency.
- 2) Your pet will **stay with us for the day**. An afternoon discharge time will be scheduled when you drop off your pet.
- 3) We will take half of the high end of the estimate as a down payment at the time of drop off. We will then collect any remaining balance at the time of discharge.
- 4) Thoracic radiographs must be performed and submitted with the echo. These can be done in advance, but must be within a 3 month window of the echo.
- 5) Blood pressure **MUST** be performed the day of and submitted with the echo.
- 6) In some cases a small amount of hair may be clipped from the chest to provide accurate images.
- 7) The echo images, chest x-rays and blood pressure results are all **submitted to a board certified cardiologist for evaluation**. These will take 5-7 business days for the report to be made and returned to us. The doctor that has ordered the echo will contact you, typically by phone, once we have this report to go over the results and discuss further recommendations.