

# MOBILE VETERINARY IMAGING

Dear pet owners,

Thank you for scheduling an ultrasound with us! Our goal is maximize the diagnostic capability of the ultrasound while keeping your pet comfortable and keeping you happy.

**Withhold food** for 12-18 hrs prior to the procedure (water is ok). Please do not feed your pet after (8PM) on the night prior to the procedure unless your veterinarian instructs you otherwise. Food filled stomach and intestines cause gas shadowing which could prevent us from seeing everything in the abdomen. Additionally, when the stomach is distended, your pet will experience discomfort when we maneuver the ultrasound probe around their abdomen.

**Morning drop off** on the day of the procedure. We travel to your veterinarian's practice for your convenience. We typically exceed 200 miles of travel every day and service several veterinary hospitals each day. There are many variables that will dictate the time of our arrival. Some of these include: the number of procedures on a given day and the distance between each stop, the duration of each procedure (including extra procedures that may be indicated such as biopsies), last minute emergency procedures, and worst of all traffic. Please understand that our schedule must allow for these variables and we will not be able to coordinate to meet you at your veterinarian's practice at a specific time for the procedure. We require that patients be dropped off in the morning, at the time specified by your veterinarian on the day of the procedure.

**Mild sedation** is sometimes necessary to relax your pet. When patients are anxious or nervous, they tend to tense their abdominal muscles which can limit our ability to see everything in the abdomen. Anxious dogs often pant excessively. Motion from a panting dog makes ultrasound images blurry and can prevent us from seeing everything in the abdomen. Reducing your pets anxiety will improve their experience and help us get the most out of the procedure. Please give your veterinarian permission to use sedation at their discretion when you drop of your pet.

**Shaving the hair** will be necessary. In order to obtain clear images the ultrasound probe must make direct contact with the skin.

Thanks,

-MVI Team