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## Outpatient Ultrasound (OPUS) Guidelines for Pet Owners

- A member of our team will meet you in the reception area and review the main reason of why an OPUS is being performed on your pet.
  - We typically get a brief case summary from your primary veterinarian (pDVM) as well.
  - Your pet will be admitted to the hospital for the OPUS.
  - A member of our team will reach out to you when your pet is ready to go home.
- We will confirm with you that your pet has been fasting (at least 10 hours without food; they can have water).
  - If your pet has not been fasting, it can affect the ability to obtain quality diagnostic images. An ultrasound can still be performed, but there may be limitations on its findings.
- We will clip the hair from the abdomen of your pet, and apply alcohol and gel for the ultrasound. Occasionally, minor razor burns may occur.
- The OPUS usually takes about 20-30 minutes to perform.
- The final OPUS report will be emailed to your pDVM by the end of the day. Your pDVM will go over the results and recommendations with you.
  - Dr. Keno will not discuss the OPUS results with you personally. Your pDVM will communicate the findings.
- Most pets will receive light oral sedation to help acquire the best images. If oral medication alone does not allow for adequate sedation, we will proceed to injectable forms.
- The estimated fee for OPUS with sedation is \$925.

I agree to all of these gu	uidelines.		
Client/Agent Signature:		Date:	
Patient Label			

