

VCA Roberts Animal Hospital

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1. Please send the completed ultrasound request form via email (info above), or fill it out online at the VCA Roberts Animal Hospital Website. Requests can also be done over the phone with Aimee Fernandes, our Referral Coordinator.
2. Please send all relevant radiographs/other imaging, blood work and medical records to vcarobertsim@vca.com.
3. Once we have the above information, our Referral Coordinator will reach out to your client to schedule the ultrasound.
4. Patients needing full sedation should be scheduled as an internal medicine consult with ultrasound rather than a direct to ultrasound appointment. For the best ultrasound examination, please consider giving a prescription for oral sedation to your patients prior to direct to ultrasound appointments.

ALL FIELDS MUST BE FILLED OUT IN ORDER FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO BE SCHEDULED.

Direct to Specialist Ultrasound Request Form

Today's Date: _____ Referring Hospital: _____

Referring Doctor: _____ Doctor's Main Contact Number: _____

Owner Name: _____ Owner's Main Contact Number: _____

Pet Name: _____

Species: Canine Feline Sex: M CM F SF Other Species: _____

Breed: _____ Color: _____ Age: _____ Weight: _____

Does client have pet insurance for this pet? Yes No If yes, insurance company: _____

Does this pet:

- Ever require sedation for exams/procedures? Yes No
- Require a muzzle or special handling? Yes No
- Have any history of asthma or other respiratory issues? Yes No
- Have any known allergies? Yes No If yes, please list: _____
- Have any health concerns that make s/he unable to wait
 - for an ultrasound? Yes No
 - Depending on availability, ultrasounds may be scheduled within a week of receiving all information.

Body Region to be Scanned: Abdomen

Reason for Ultrasound/Relevant Medical History: _____

Current Medications/Medications Administered: _____

Ultrasound reports will be sent to the referring veterinarian within 24 hours of the ultrasound examination so results and plan can be discussed with the client. No ultrasound examination results will be given to clients during a direct to ultrasound appointment.

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Veterinarian's Availability: _____	Alternate Veterinarian: _____
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Change in Patient Status

We understand that patients sometimes decline once they've left your care and want to do our best to ensure that their most current medical needs are addressed efficiently and compassionately.

- Should your patient arrive in an unstable condition, one of our emergency doctors will fully evaluate them and make medical recommendations based upon their exam. Our routine emergency charges for the exam and any medical treatments will apply.
- Our staff will contact you as soon as possible to give you an update on your patient's condition and discuss whether or not you would like the patient returned to your care at that time.

Commitment to You and Your Clients

Our commitment to you and your clients is of the utmost importance to us. We want your clients to have a seamless and pleasant experience here at VCA Roberts Animal Hospital, and have enacted these protocols and parameters to ensure that this is the case.

Below is a copy of the information that will be emailed to your clients as well as presented to them upon arrival. Thank you for entrusting your patients to our care.

Client Instructions

- Please do not feed your pet for 12 hours prior to the appointment, unless otherwise directed by your veterinarian.
- You may allow your pet to drink water up until the time of the ultrasound appointment.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Once you have checked in at the front desk, a veterinary nurse will greet you and take your pet to the treatment room.
- The veterinary nurse will remain with your pet throughout the process to ensure their comfort. Ultrasounds are non-invasive, usually non-painful diagnostic procedures.
- For everyone's safety, pet owners are not allowed to be in the treatment room during the ultrasound.
- In order to get the highest quality ultrasound images, a section of your pet's hair coat will be shaved.
- Your pet's ultrasound should take approximately one hour.
- While your pet is undergoing the ultrasound, please remain on site to be available should any questions or concerns arise.
- All information regarding your pet's ultrasound will be discussed with your primary care veterinarian and a report from our radiologist will be sent to their practice. Your primary care veterinarian will communicate the results of the ultrasound to you. Any questions regarding your pet's treatment options/next steps should be directed to your primary care veterinarian. They know your pet best and will be directing their medical care moving forward.
- Should your pet's condition worsen while they are here, our medical team will be on hand to assist them. One of our emergency doctors will update you as to what is happening, as well as make any immediate treatment recommendations.

