

CARDIOLOGY



VCA Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center of Kalamazoo

WE NOW OFFER CARDIOLOGY SERVICES!

We are here to provide cardiology coverage. Please call to make an appointment: 269-381-5228.



Andy Helmholdt, DVM

Dr. Helmholdt is a 1991 Graduate of Michigan State University and holds a special interest in Cardiology. Over the past 15 years, he has helped local practitioners and their patients with the intricacies of diagnosing acquired cardiac disease. Although he is not a board certified cardiologist, he enjoys being the bridge for pet owners between their general practitioner and a board certified specialist. Dr. Helmholdt is practiced in symptomatic and asymptomatic patients alike. Through his years of experience managing clinical disease, he is typically able to provide etiology, staging, and treatment recommendations.

Cardiology:

Each case begins with a thorough history and a complete physical examination. Based upon findings, diagnostics recommendations such as those below may be offered.

Our cardiology diagnostic services include:

- Echocardiogram
- Blood pressure
- Electrocardiogram
- Thoracic radiographs
- Bloodwork
- Echocardiogram and radiograph images can be sent to ANTECH Imaging Services for review with a board certified cardiologist or radiologist

What is an echocardiogram?

Cardiac Ultrasonography (Echocardiogram): A device called a transducer is passed painlessly over your pet's chest, producing sound waves that bounce off the heart and "echo" back to the transducer. These waves are visible as video-like pictures viewed on a monitor. The test results provide crucial information about your pet's heart, including its size and shape, how the heart moves, its pumping strength, if the valves are working correctly, if any blockages or holes are present and other important factors.

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