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The radiologists in the imaging department request that you do not give your pet any food after 12:00 A.M. (midnight) the night before your appointment. Water is OK. If your pet is diabetic, please mention this to our referral coordinator to ensure proper scheduling, do not administer insulin on the morning of the appointment, and bring his/her insulin at the time of drop off.

A radiologist helps to diagnose diseases by obtaining and interpreting medical images, and correlating these imaging findings with other examinations and tests. The radiologist's role is to make recommendations for further examinations or treatments, consulting with the referring veterinarian. Unless already forwarded from your veterinarian, please remember to bring copies of pertinent medical records including labwork performed (bloodwork, urinalysis, etc.), any previous imaging reports, and any previous images available including radiographs (x-rays), ultrasounds, CTs or MRIs that have been taken of your pet, so that the radiologist can review these.

For any patient coming in for advanced imaging (CT or MRI) general anesthesia will be necessary in order to assure they don't move during the examination. A physical examination, review of pre-anesthetic bloodwork, and electrocardiogram (assesses heart rate and rhythm) will be performed. Bloodwork should be done within two weeks of the anesthesia, or sooner if the patient's clinical condition has recently changed. This will help us determine if he or she is a good candidate for general anesthesia, and help us plan an appropriate anesthetic protocol. **It is preferred that the bloodwork be performed prior to the day of the appointment, usually done by your referring veterinarian,** but this can also be done on site if necessary. For geriatric patients, thoracic radiographs (chest x-rays) are also recommended prior to anesthesia. These are often performed by your referring veterinarian, but can be performed on site as well.

If you need to change or cancel your appointment please notify NWVS 48 hours prior to the appointment time.

A receptionist from our office will call to confirm your appointment 24-48 hours before the scheduled appointment day. If you have any questions, please call our office at 503-656-3999 or 1-800-915-9717.

Thank you,

Dr. David Gall & Dr. Jennifer Tepavich