



VCA South Shore Animal Hospital
 595 Columbian Street ♦ Weymouth, MA 02190
 Phone: 781-337-6622 ♦ Referral line: 781-335-4919
 Fax: 781-337-0069 ♦ Email: southshorereferral@vca.com

1. Please send the completed ultrasound request form via fax or email (info above), or fill it out online at VCASouthShoreRadiology.com. This can also be done over the phone with one of our Referral Coordinators.
2. Please send all relevant radiographs/other imaging, blood work and medical records to SouthShoreReferral@vca.com. Records can also be faxed to 781-337-0069 and radiographs sent with your client.
3. Once we have the above information, our Referral Coordinators will reach out to you to confirm your availability*, then contact your client to schedule the ultrasound.

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:	
Please check applicable box: Bill Client <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Referring Hospital <input type="checkbox"/>			
Owner Name:		Owner's Main Contact Number:	
Pet Name:	Species: <input type="checkbox"/> Canine <input type="checkbox"/> Feline	Sex: M CM F SF	Other Species:
	Breed:	Age:	Color:
Does client have pet insurance for this pet? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, insurance company:			
Does this pet:			
- Ever require sedation for exams/procedures? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N			
- Require a muzzle or special handling? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N			
- Have any history of asthma or other respiratory issues? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N			
- Have any known allergies? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, please list:			
- Have any health concerns that make s/he unable to wait* for an ultrasound? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N			
*Depending on availability, ultrasounds may be scheduled up to 2-4 days after receiving all information.			
Body Region to be Scanned (circle): Abdomen Non-cardiac thorax (Echos are not available as Direct U/S)			
Reason for Ultrasound/Relevant Medical History:			
Current Medications/Medications Administered:			

*In order to facilitate continuity of care and communication between hospitals, direct ultrasounds will be scheduled during times that the referring veterinarian is available to receive the results of the ultrasound by phone. At that time, the doctors can discuss the results of the scan and recommendations for the owners. Our radiologists call approximately 1 hour after the scheduled appointment time (this time may vary by up to 15 minutes). All information regarding the pet's ultrasound will be communicated to the client by the referring veterinarian.

VCA Office Use Only

Veterinarian's Availability:	Alternate Veterinarian:
------------------------------	-------------------------



VCA South Shore Animal Hospital
595 Columbian Street ♦ Weymouth, MA 02190
Phone: 781-337-6622 ♦ Referral line: 781-335-4919
Fax: 781-337-0069 ♦ Email: southshorereferral@vca.com

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 South Shore, 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.