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## **Outpatient Imaging Services**

Your pet has been set up for imaging (ultrasound or CT) through the outpatient imaging service. A mutually agreeable time is arranged to bring your pet in to be admitted to the hospital at PVRE waiting for the imaging service. A specific time for the imaging procedure is not arranged or guaranteed. A cost estimate for the planned procedure will be provided and a pre-payment will be collected.

Please make sure that your pet has not had any food within the 12 hours prior to the imaging study – this is to allow for the most diagnostic result and to prevent complications with any needed sedatives or anesthetics. Medications may be administered the morning of the procedure. Please ask about insulin if your pet receives insulin.

For ultrasound examinations, these procedures are often able to be completed without sedatives and your pet will rest in a comfortable padded bed while being held for the ultrasound procedure. We will update you when the imaging is complete, and we will be able to provide a cursory verbal report of pertinent findings. A final, detailed report will be sent to your primary care veterinarian when we receive it – this typically occurs within 24-48 hours of the ultrasound.

For CT examinations, these procedures are completed under general or twilight anesthesia. This requires your pet to remain in the hospital following the study for observation and to ensure recovery to go home. The imaging occurs throughout the day, and we are unable to provide you with an ETA for procedures. Please know that your pet may be with us for most of the day in order to obtain the imaging required by the radiologist and to recover. A final, detailed report will be sent to your primary care veterinarian when we receive it – this typically occurs within 24-48 hours of the CT.

Once the final results are available then further recommendations will be made in conjunction with your regular veterinarian and/or one of our specialists.

After the procedure and recovery from anesthesia (if needed) we will more accurately be able to finalize a time for pick up and we will call with these details.

You are welcome to call at any time for an update on your pet and we will let you know whether or not the imaging has started.