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## Ultrasound Information

Ultrasounds are performed in our clinic by Dr. Pierre Burke, a board-eligible Radiologist from VIDI Veterinary Services.

### BEFORE THE SCAN

Pets must have fasted for 12 hours before the scan. Please arrive in good time for the scheduled scan. We want to ensure that we have time to check your pet in properly. Please note that the entire process may take up to 3 hours, and we invite you to run an errand or grab a coffee while the procedure is underway.

### DURING THE SCAN

To maintain our standards for efficiency and safety, we do not allow owners to be present in the room during the procedure except under very rare circumstances when it is arranged in advance.

A veterinary assistant will hold your pet in a specially designed padded bed during the procedure. This ensures they are comfortable and calm. We will use sedation to make the procedure less stressful and to allow us to obtain the best quality images.

We will shave the area being imaged, and then apply a water-soluble gel to the skin to improve the image quality. This gel is just like the one used for human ultrasounds. While we do our best to remove all of the gel after the procedure, we will leave any additional bathing up to you, as this is usually better tolerated at home.

### GUIDED SAMPLES

If samples are required for diagnostic purposes, we can use the ultrasound to help us safely guide a needle into the appropriate area. Again, sedation is given. To reduce the risk of bleeding when sampling certain organs, we recommend that platelet numbers be tested before fine needle aspirates and a coagulation panel be run a day before 'core' TruCut biopsies.

### AFTER THE APPOINTMENT

One of our Patient Care team members will call you after the scan to let you know when your pet will be ready to go home. Sometimes you may receive preliminary results on the same day. Final results are usually available within 7 days. The supervising veterinarian will call with the results during their next shift in the clinic.

We encourage you to contact us with any questions regarding your ultrasound appointment by emailing us at [contact.us@mckvets.com](mailto:contact.us@mckvets.com).

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