



ULTRASOUND PATIENT HANDOUT

1) GENERAL INFORMATION:

- ❖ In order to obtain diagnostic ultrasound images, patients will be shaved prior to the procedure. (We shave the abdomen for a bladder or abdominal ultrasound and we shave the chest for an echocardiogram or chest / lung ultrasound.)
- ❖ Non-pregnant patients should be fasted before the ultrasound appointment. DO NOT feed them after 10pm the night before or the morning of the ultrasound. They may still drink water.
- ❖ Depending on the time of your appointment, the technician may instruct you to prevent the patient from urinating prior to dropping them off. For some types of ultrasounds, a full bladder is needed for optimal results.
- ❖ In order to obtain the best quality images, we may need to sedate your pet. This sedation reduces anxiety and makes it easier for them to hold still during the ultrasound.
- ❖ A consultation appointment may be scheduled to discuss the results of the ultrasound with the veterinarian. This appointment may not be on the same day as the ultrasound. This allows time for us to review the ultrasound results and gather the information to give you a diagnosis and the treatment / care information.

-Thank you!

The doctors and staff at Laketown Animal Hospital

