



CT Imaging Client Information

Preparation prior to arrival

Diagnostic imaging requires that the patient remain extremely still for a period of time. For this reason, it is necessary that your pet undergo sedation or general anesthesia for this procedure. To prepare for this, all food, including treats, should be withheld starting at 12:00 a.m. the night before the exam. Water does not need to be withheld. Your pet will need to be dropped off at the clinic no later than 9 am the day of the exam. Medical information sheets will need to be filled out prior to your pet being admitted to the hospital. Please bring all your pet's current medications and indicate when they were last given on the forms provided.

Depending on your pet's medical condition, anesthesia can involve some risks. To minimize these risks all patients undergoing sedation or anesthesia will be required to have recent lab work and will have an evaluation with a veterinarian the day of the CT imaging. The same veterinarian will be monitoring your pet during the CT imaging to provide continuity of care.

During the admission process, we will be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding the CT procedure. We will also ask that you sign an anesthesia consent form and treatment plan. Payment for the CT scan will be taken at this time. We accept checks, cash, all major credit cards, and Care Credit.

Your pet will be admitted to the hospital for the day. Exact timing of the CT scan will not be available so we request that you do not plan to wait in the lobby. You will be contacted by the veterinarian or technical staff when your pet's imaging is completed. A release time will be set up after imaging is completed.

What occurs while your pet is in the hospital?

1. Your pet will undergo a physical exam and a treatment plan for CT imaging will be determined.
2. An intravenous catheter will be placed in a leg vein for the administration of sedatives, anesthetic agents, and/or contrast agents. If appropriate, IV fluids may be given before, during, and after the CT imaging.
3. Your pet will then be moved to the CT suite, positioned, and scanned.
4. After the CT exam, your pet will be brought to the treatment area to recover under direct supervision.
5. The CT imaging will be interpreted by a board-certified veterinary radiologist. The written report will be sent to your referring veterinarian the next business day.

After the Exam

A pressure bandage will be placed on your pet's leg when the intravenous catheter is removed to prevent bleeding at the site. Please be sure to remove this bandage when you get home. It is normal for pets to be quiet following sedation or general anesthesia. A light meal and water in moderation may be offered once your pet is home. Although uncommon, some pets may experience a mild cough for several days following their anesthesia. If you observe any unusual behavior, or have any concerns, contact your veterinarian immediately. You may need to schedule an appointment with your veterinarian to discuss the results of the CT exam.

Feel free to contact Pet Specialists of Monterey with any post-anesthesia concerns. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Results of the imaging will be available from your referring veterinarian.



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