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Outpatient Diagnostic Imaging Client Handout

Thank you for choosing LVSES to provide for your Pet's care. You are being referred to LVSES by your veterinarian for a specific diagnostic imaging procedure to assist in the diagnosis of your pet's condition.

What to Expect:

Digital Radiographs and Fluoroscopy: Most radiographic and fluoroscopic studies can be performed within a couple hours. In most cases your pet will receive mild sedation prior to the exam. For more complicated contrast studies we will discuss the plan in advance so you know what to expect.

Ultrasound & Echocardiograms: Your pet will have an ultrasound or echocardiogram performed by a board eligible internist. To adequately obtain the best quality images the fur will be shaved from the body part to be imaged. We strive to shave the least amount possible.

Computed Tomography (CT): All CT scans must be performed under general anesthesia. Prior to anesthesia a veterinarian will perform a physical examination and review your pet's medical record to ensure your pet's anesthetic risks are minimized. In most cases, your pet will be dropped off in the morning, have the scan during the day and pending a normal recovery, your pet will be discharged at the end of the day.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI): General anesthesia is also required to perform an MRI in veterinary medicine. LVSES has formed a partnership with a local equine specialty hospital which operates the MRI center. Most MRI appointments are scheduled in the late afternoon. You will drop off your pet at LVSES and a physical examination and medical record review will be performed. Then your pet will be transported to the MRI center and will be anesthetized for the scan. Once the scan is complete and your pet is fully recovered from anesthesia we will transport your pet back to LVSES for discharge that evening.

Results:

Following your pet's diagnostic study our specialists will communicate with your primary care veterinarian the results of the study. Our specialists will also review the preliminary results with you, if available, and discuss how your primary care veterinarian may choose to proceed. We will fax a written report to your veterinarian within 24 hours for their records. If you have any questions about the results please contact your primary care veterinarian.

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