

## SHAW PET HOSPITALS

### Referral Checklist for I-131 Therapy

We request that referring veterinarians provide the following information at the time of referral for I-131 treatment of hyperthyroid patients.

- 1) A thorough physical examination to determine any detectable concurrent disease
- 2) CBC, Chemistry Panel, Urinalysis and T4 within 30 days of referral. Please note that in house chemistry machines may give semi qualitative results especially in regard to the T4 levels. For this reason we request that all lab work with the exception of U/A be performed at a recognized reference lab. We would also like to know T4 level at the time of diagnosis and the highest level the T4 has been measured at. Note that we are interested in the renal concentrating ability so it is important to obtain a first am urine sample.
- 3) Any cat with a detectable heart murmur should be considered for an ECG and an Echocardiogram (we can provide the echo exam if you feel it appropriate) to determine the extent if any of HCM and try to predict the risk of imminent embolism. It is not desirable to treat a patient with I131 that is already a ticking time bomb for thromboembolism!
- 4) Chest and abdominal radiographs are recommended (but not strictly required) to look for any abnormal masses or signs of heart disease that would negatively affect the patients future prognosis. We do not need to see the radiographs, we only suggest you take them and evaluate for thoracic or abdominal disease prior to completing the referral.
- 5) Please provide the animal's current body weight and body condition score.
- 6) Information regarding any medical therapy for hyperthyroidism in particular methimazole dates and doses and what response was obtained.

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