**Bonita Pet Care Animal Hospital Ultrasound Policy & Intake Form.**

An ultrasound is a non-invasive imaging procedure that enables an in-depth view of your pet's organs. Many times x-rays, which reveal the size, dimensions and position of the organ, will be utilized in combination with an ultrasound. The ultrasound allows for the evaluation of internal organs and is highly useful in evaluating heart conditions (referred to as echocardiogram), detecting alterations in abdominal organs and assisting in the recognition of cysts and tumors. With the ability for real-time monitoring, ultrasounds are also utilized for pregnancy diagnosis and development monitoring.

**Preparing for your pet’s ultrasound:**

1. Your pet must arrive fasted (ensuring the best results by enhancing visibility.) **Please stop feeding after 8pm the night before the ultrasound (this includes treats!)**
2. Arrive with your pet at your scheduled drop-off time between 8am-11am.
3. To render the best results please be aware that a large area of fur will be shaved from the region which will be viewed during the ultrasound. **Owner Initial:\_\_\_\_\_\_**
4. Plan for your pet to be with us the WHOLE DAY, every pet will go home before/at 6pm Mon-Thurs & before/at 5pm Fri-Sun . **Owner Initial:\_\_\_\_\_\_**
   1. We work closely with a very skilled Ultrasonographer who examines multiple patients in different hospital locations throughout San Diego during the day. His estimated times of arrival will vary based on each pet’s needs & other circumstances.
   2. Generally, we will have multiple pets who are also having an ultrasound performed on the same day as your pet. Early arrival & having your pet within the hospital enables us to have every pet prepared & resting comfortably when the Ultrasonographer arrives to start their diagnostic process.
5. We will contact you as soon as your pet is available to go home.
6. Results arrive to us within 1-3 days depending on the time it takes to render the images and have them analyzed. A Veterinarian will call you to discuss the results. If you would like a copy of the results, please let us know & we will happily e-mail them to you.

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**Owner Signature & Date Primary Contact Number**