**Frequently Asked Questions**

**If I know my pet will have radiographs or an ultrasound, do I need to do anything special before we arrive?**

We generally prefer that your pet does not eat before coming to radiology.  However, please check with your primary care veterinarian to verify this as well as any other special requests prior to the day of your appointment.

**Will having radiographs taken or undergoing ultrasound be painful for my pet?**

Your pet’s health and comfort are our top priorities.  We will do everything we can to minimize discomfort while images are being obtained.  Most animals do very well with the minimal amount of restraint required; however, if your pet is in pain, has just been injured, or is too stressed, we will request pain medication and/or a sedative to minimize any pain and discomfort.

**I know that radiation is used for radiographs.  Is that safe for my pet?**

Yes!  The amount of radiation your pet will be exposed to is very low, and these images are an important part of his proper diagnosis and treatment.

**My pet is having an ultrasound performed.  Why does the fur on his abdomen have to be clipped?**

The ultrasound beam does not penetrate fur, and we want to get the best images possible so that your pet can get good care.  We promise to only clip what is necessary to get optimal images!