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Pet owners place their trust in us to provide the best care for their pets. As clients demand higher levels of care for their pets, safer, more advanced technologies such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for pets will become the standard of care in veterinary medicine. This powerful imaging modality is now readily available in North Eastern Ohio for veterinarians and their patients through PetsDx.

**Who are we?** PetsDx is a group of energetic individuals committed to providing you, your clients, and their pets state-of-the-art veterinary diagnostic imaging services. By combining our unique qualifications in diagnostic imaging and veterinary medicine we offer referring veterinarians imaging capabilities unmatched in North Eastern Ohio. Our facility is fully staffed with an experienced MR technologist trained in veterinary MRI, a skilled veterinarian and certified veterinary technician. A board certified veterinary radiologist, specially trained in MRI, reads all of our images. A full management team allows each of us to focus our attention on what we do best.

**Why use PetsDx?** At PetsDx, all we do is imaging of veterinary patients. Focusing only on imaging allows us to provide you the answers you need while you spend your time on your business. Because we are conveniently located in Cleveland, we can image your patients and give you the information you need in a timely fashion.

Our team has extensive experience in veterinary medicine and magnetic resonance imaging. Our veterinary team, including a certified veterinary technician with almost 20 years of experience, is committed to your patient's well-being. At PetsDx we collectively have over 50 years of experience in MRI. Our highly qualified MRI technologist not only has years of experience in human MRI, but also has special training with veterinary patients. You can rest assured that you are getting only the best when you refer to PetsDx.

**What to expect when using PetsDx.** We see cases on a referral basis only. In most cases, a patient can be scheduled for an MRI within a day or two. Because we focus only on imaging, you retain the business generated by performing a complete pre-anesthetic work-up before your client and patient meet with us. On the day of the MRI, clients may wait, or if

more convenient they may drop their pet off for the day. All clients will have their questions answered by the veterinarian before proceeding and every patient will have a thorough physical completed before any anesthesia is given. The MRI will take from one to one and a half hours. Once fully recovered from anesthesia, your patient will be discharged to their owner. We understand your time is very valuable, so we will communicate test results to you typically in 24 to 48 hours of the study so that you can inform your clients as rapidly as possible.

We at PetsDx are very excited about the opportunity to work together with you. We believe we can offer you, pet owners, and their pets a safe, powerful imaging modality in a convenient location for a reasonable cost. We would be happy to meet with you and give you a tour of the facility and answer any questions you may have.

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## Referral Form

Please complete the following and fax together with all necessary paperwork to your local imaging center.

### General Information

- It is very important to note that your patient will be anesthetized for the MRI. Please advise your clients as to the risks of anesthesia as well as any special instructions regarding medications to be given before the MRI
- We are not equipped to handle laboratory testing or imaging other than MRI. Therefore, all required testing must be completed by you and results furnished prior to our anesthetizing your patient. A list of required tests has been provided. Do not hesitate to contact us should you have any specific questions
- We strongly recommend that a radiograph of the area to be imaged is obtained before anesthetizing your patient as metallic objects such as bullets or BBs near the area of interest can prevent us from getting a diagnostic exam
- As we are an outpatient facility only, patients must be stabilized before we can proceed with an MRI

### Referring Veterinarian Information

Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Clinic Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_  
We will submit a written report the day following the exam. The report can be submitted either via fax or Email.  
Please indicate your preference:  Fax  Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Client and Patient Information

Client's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Patient \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Species \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Color \_\_\_\_\_

### Case History and Medical Information

Please give a detailed explanation of the patient's past and current medical problem(s), including the duration of the problem(s), abnormal physical findings, results of all diagnostic testing, any medication(s) prescribed, and response to medication(s), if any. Please include any sensitivity to anesthesia or any known allergies.

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Localization \_\_\_\_\_

Differentials \_\_\_\_\_

Area of the Body to be Imaged \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Veterinarian Requesting Test \_\_\_\_\_

## Testing Requirements in Preparation for General Anesthesia

Please note that general anesthesia is required for all veterinary patients having an MRI. It is the policy of PetsDx Veterinary Imaging that all patients must have the appropriate testing completed prior to being anesthetized for the scan. The following are minimum requirements based on the age and physical status of your patient.

### Testing Requirements - Patients Less than Five Years of Age

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>REQUIRED TESTS</u>
I or II <sup>a</sup>	PCV, TP, BUN
III <sup>b</sup>	CBC, General Health Profile, Serum Electrolytes, ECG <sup>c</sup>
IV or V <sup>d</sup>	CBC, General Health Profile, Serum Electrolytes, ECG, Chest Radiographs

### Testing Requirements - Patients Over Five Years of Age

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>REQUIRED TESTS</u>
I or II <sup>a</sup>	PCV, Pre – Anesthetic Profile
III <sup>b</sup>	CBC, General Health Profile, Serum Electrolytes, ECG
IV or V <sup>d</sup>	CBC, General Health Profile, Serum Electrolytes, ECG, Chest Radiographs

<sup>a</sup> Testing should be completed within 30 days of the referral

<sup>b</sup> Testing should be completed within 7 days of the referral

<sup>c</sup> If cardiac disease is present

<sup>d</sup> Testing should be completed within 48 hours of the referral

### Classification of Physical Status for Patients Undergoing Anesthesia\*

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>
I	No organic disease	
II	Mild or moderate systemic disease without functional impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cardiac disease, compensated (no medication)</li> <li>▶ Obesity</li> <li>▶ Orthopedic disease</li> <li>▶ Geriatric</li> <li>▶ Pediatric</li> </ul>
III	Organic disease with definite functional impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Anemia, mild</li> <li>▶ Anorexia</li> <li>▶ Cardiac disease, compensated (with medication)</li> <li>▶ Dehydration, mild</li> <li>▶ Fever, mild</li> <li>▶ Neurologic symptoms (Seizures, Vestibular syndrome, Ataxia, Paresis)</li> </ul>
IV	Severe disease that is life - threatening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Anemia, severe</li> <li>▶ Cardiac disease, decompensated</li> <li>▶ Pulmonary disease</li> <li>▶ Sepsis</li> <li>▶ Shock</li> <li>▶ Renal disease</li> </ul>
V	Moribund patient, not expected to survive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Major trauma</li> <li>▶ Profound shock</li> <li>▶ Multi – organ failure</li> <li>▶ Severe head injury</li> </ul>

\*Adapted from the American Society of Anesthesiologists

**Your patient's well – being is very important to us, and we will not anesthetize them without the appropriate testing on file.**



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## **PET OWNER INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

***What is MRI?*** MRI stands for magnetic resonance imaging. It is an advanced imaging technology that has been safely used in human medicine for the last two decades. MRI is non – invasive and it is not painful.

***How does an MRI work?*** Unlike x – rays and CT's, MRI does not use ionizing radiation. Instead, it uses magnetic fields and pulses of radio waves to temporarily and harmlessly energize molecules in your pet's body. As they relax, these energized molecules give off a signal that's made into an image.

***Why has an MRI been recommended for my pet?*** MRI is a very powerful imaging modality. It has been recommended because it provides exceptional soft tissue detail, allowing us to image areas such as the brain, spinal cord, cardiovascular system, and joints. The results of the MRI will help your veterinarian make a definitive diagnosis and offer you the best options for treating your pet.

***How do I schedule an MRI?*** Your veterinarian must contact us to arrange a referral. Once a referral has been arranged, you may then schedule an appointment directly with us at 216.581.7200. Appointments are scheduled in the morning Monday through Friday. We will have you leave your pet with us for the day. However, they must be picked up by 4:30 p.m. as we are not available to care for them overnight. If needed, you may wait during the study. Please notify the receptionist when scheduling the appointment if you are planning on waiting.

***How should I prepare my pet for the MRI?*** Pets having an MRI must be anesthetized so that they remain still for the exam. In preparation for general anesthesia, they should not eat after 10 p.m. the night before the exam. They can have water through 6 a.m. on the day of the exam. Ask your veterinarian for instructions if your pet is on any medications.

***What should I bring to the appointment?*** We will ask your family veterinarian to fax us a copy of the medical record so that you do not need to be responsible for that. However, if your family veterinarian has any x – rays that they are unable to mail to us in time for the appointment, we ask that you please bring these with you.

***What should I expect during the MRI?*** Your pet will be anesthetized between one to two hours for the MRI. Before any anesthesia is given, we'll make sure that your pet is healthy enough to undergo anesthesia. We'll place an intravenous catheter and your pet will get fluids throughout the procedure. All vital signs will be carefully monitored during and after the anesthesia.

***What happens to my pet after the MRI?*** After the MRI, your pet will be disoriented and off balance for about half an hour. We will watch them closely until they have recovered. Once your pet is standing and able to move around safely, we will send them home with you. They may urinate a large amount after they get home because of the fluids given during the anesthesia. Once home, it'll be important to keep your pet away from stairs and furniture until they have fully recovered so that they don't hurt themselves. Your pet should be back to normal the morning following the scan.

***How do we proceed after the MRI?*** After the MRI, the images will be read by a highly qualified board – certified veterinary radiologist. Results of the MRI will be returned to your family veterinarian's office with 48 hours after the study has been performed.

**Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns regarding the procedure. Our number is 216.581.7200**



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## **Directions to PetsDx Veterinary Imaging**

PetsDx Veterinary Imaging is conveniently located 3 miles EAST of the I – 480 and I – 77 interchange.

### **From Cleveland and the West**

Take I – 71 or I – 77 to I – 480. Head east on I – 480 towards Youngstown. Exit I – 480 at the Broadway Avenue exit (Exit #23). Turn left onto Broadway Avenue. The first stop light you come to is McCracken Road. Turn left onto McCracken Road. Follow McCracken Road to Neo Parkway. It's about 0.4 miles. Turn left onto Neo Parkway. Neo Parkway takes a sharp turn. Shortly after this, turn into the Neo Park complex and drive straight back. We are on the left at the very end of the building.

### **From the East**

Head south on I – 271. Take exit #26A/B to I – 480 west. Exit I – 480 at the Lee Road exit (Exit #24). At the stop light, continue straight onto McCracken Road. Turn right onto Johnston Parkway. Turn left onto Neo Parkway. Turn right into the Neo Park complex and drive straight back. We are on the left.

### **From the South**

Take I – 271 north towards Erie. Take exit #26A/B to I – 480 west. Exit I – 480 at the Lee Road exit (Exit #24). At the stop light, continue straight onto McCracken Road. Turn right onto Johnston Parkway. Turn left onto Neo Parkway. Turn right into the Neo Park complex and drive straight back. We are on the left.

### **From Akron**

- Take 8 north to I – 271, then follow directions under "From the South"
- Take I – 77 North to I – 480, then follow directions under "From Cleveland"



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**Help us learn more about you!** PetsDx Veterinary Imaging is a fixed diagnostic imaging center dedicated to providing MRIs exclusively for veterinary patients. We are conveniently located in Garfield Heights and are currently accepting referrals.

At PetsDx, we understand that you have a special relationship with your clients. We also understand that a relationship built on honesty, trust, and understanding is critical to our mutual success. When referring patients to us, you can take comfort in knowing that we will work together as a team to advance patient care without interfering with that special relationship you have with your clients.

**Please take a minute to provide us with information about you and your clinic**

Practice Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarians \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Office Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of Operation    Monday    \_\_\_\_\_    Friday    \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Tuesday    \_\_\_\_\_    Saturday    \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Wednesday    \_\_\_\_\_    Sunday    \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Thursday    \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Comments or Questions \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one of the following:**

I am interested in a tour of the facility

I am interested in a member of the PetsDx team providing education at my clinic

**Completed forms may be mailed or faxed to us at 216.916.4900. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this information. We look forward to working together with you!**