
MVAE CT scan FAQ

How do I schedule a CT scan?

Please contact MVAE at CTscan@MVAEvet.com (preferred) or call our hospital directly at 301-733-7339 for information on scheduling or questions about specific imaging requests for your patient.

Do I need a referral?

Yes, we are currently performing scans on select days only as our schedule allows. Patient referrals will need to be coordinated by our CT team to ensure we are able to select the scan that best suits you and your patient's needs.

Who will read the scan and how will results be reported?

All CT scans will be reviewed by Idexx Telemedicine Consultants and results will be reported back to the referring veterinarian once received, typically within 48-72 hours. MVAE will not be contacting or discussing the results of the study directly with the client/owner. Our medical director, Steven Graves, DVM, is available to consult with the referring veterinarian regarding questions on the scan and results provided.

Will my patient require anesthesia?

CT scans can often be captured in 20 minutes or less. Heavy sedation is typically required and in some instances full anesthesia may be needed. Patients will be admitted early in the day of the procedure and discharged home once fully recovered.

Will iodine contrast be needed?

Most CT scans will benefit from iodine contrast given intravenously. We will provide IV fluids for a few hours after the contrast to allow clearance of this agent from the kidneys and urinary system. Your pet may have more frequent urinations for a few hours after discharge due to the IV fluids provided.

Are you able to perform aspirations or biopsy samples?

Unfortunately, we are not able to perform these procedures currently.

Will my patient require any diagnostics prior to CT scan?

Recent blood testing (CBC/chem within dated in the last 4 weeks) should be available for our CT team to view prior to CT procedures. This is important to limit complications from sedation/anesthesia and contrast infusion if required. Access to blood testing at MVAE is available if needed.

If a thoracic CT scan is requested, recent chest radiographs (within the last 3 weeks) should be presented for review.