

Feline Specialties Veterinary Hospital

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Radioactive Iodine Therapy Release Form

Owner: _____ Cat Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Treatment with I131 is used to destroy benign (non-cancerous) thyroid tumors that produce excess thyroid hormone. Prior to treatment, a comprehensive physical exam will be performed and your cat's past medical history and blood test results will be evaluated. If a patient is currently on methimazole, the drug should be discontinued for at least one week prior to treatment. Underlying kidney disease may appear after I 131 treatment. The treatment does not cause the renal failure but may "unmask" the problem. Therefore, an ultrasound evaluation of your cat's kidneys may be done prior to the treatment.

After the treatment is administered, the patient is kept isolated for 10 to 14 days to allow elimination and radioactive decay of the radioiodine. Aggressive cats that cannot be handled safely will require anesthesia for the I 131 administration. Due to the possible exposure of humans to radiation, no visitations from owners are allowed. Handling of the patient is limited due to the potential of radiation exposure. This can become a problem if a cat becomes ill and needs emergency care during its stay. If a cat should die during treatment, the body will need to be kept at Feline Specialties for 80 days before it is safe to release it to the owner.

The cost of the treatment is \$1075.00 and includes a comprehensive physical exam and consultation, ultrasound evaluation of the kidneys (if needed), injection of radio-iodine and hospitalization during therapy. Any other lab tests, medications or treatments needed during hospitalization will be charged an additional fee.

A deposit of \$500.00 is required at check-in. The balance will be due and must be paid in full at discharge .

Positive response to treatment is expected in 90% to 95% of treated cats. Rarely, a cat may fail therapy and require re-treatment. If needed, the cost of re-treatment will be discounted 50%. Some cats may require up to 6 months for thyroid levels to return to normal. Most will be at normal levels within a month post treatment. Most cats do not require additional I 131 treatments, but it is possible that new hyperactive nodules could develop which may require additional therapy in the future.

The following side effects may occur in a small percentage (less than 5%) of cats:

- I 131 is a permanent treatment and can sometimes cause irreversible damage to healthy thyroid tissue. If this occurs, supplementation with thyroid hormone may be needed on a daily basis for the rest of the cat's life.
- Some cats may experience loss of voice or voice changes. This could be permanent.
- A small percentage of cats with hyperthyroidism have malignant thyroid tumors. Treatment of malignant thyroid tumors requires high dose I 131 and referral to a facility licensed for high dose I 131 therapy.

I have read and understood the above information. I hereby authorize Feline Specialties Veterinary Hospital to perform radioactive iodine therapy. The treatment protocol has been described to me to my satisfaction, and while I expect the procedure to be done to the best of the abilities of the professional staff, I realize that no guarantee can be made regarding the results or cure. I understand that I assume all financial responsibility for all services rendered.

Sign: _____

Date: _____