

# I131 at CAVES

*The Preferred First Line Therapy for Hyperthyroid Cats*

## Primary Care Veterinarian Referral Form

**Iodine 131 is now the standard of care for cats with hyperthyroidism.** I131 has shown to dramatically increase the life expectancy of cats with hyperthyroidism.<sup>1</sup> The average life expectancy for methimazole therapy is 2 years where I131 is 4 years. I131 is 95% effective. Most of the patients who do not respond to a first treatment with I131 can be successfully treated for a second time.

Referring Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenting Problem/Diagnosis:

**Hyperthyroidism**

Azotemia

Cardiac Disease

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnostic Results:

**We require a current CBC and biochemical profile (within last 3 months), a T4 (within last 30 days), a lateral chest film (within last 3 months), and a VD (or DV) chest film (within last 3 months).**

Treatment/Medications:

Additional Comments:

Additional enclosures:      **X-rays:** Yes / No      **Blood work:** Yes / No

Digital X-rays and electronic records can be sent directly to [mutton@weareanimalhospital](mailto:mutton@weareanimalhospital).

<sup>1</sup> Milner JM et al. Survival times for cats with hyperthyroidism treated with iodine 131, methimazole, or both: 167 cases (1996-2003). JAVMA 2006 228:4, p 559-563.