

Making An Appointment:

- Consultation and the treatment are done on the same day to reduce car trips
- Our Shoreline office offers appts on Mondays and Thursdays
- Our Tacoma office offers appts on Tuesdays

What lab work is needed?

The following labs need to be less than 6 weeks old:

- CBC
- Chemistry Screen with Quantified T4
- Urinalysis
- Blood pressure (recommended but not required)

(if your cat is currently on Methimazole/Felimazole or y/d, please call before having updated lab work done.)

Please refer to our website to see how long your cat will be hospitalized, how we keep nervous cats more comfortable, and much, much more!



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Feline Hyperthyroid Treatment Center

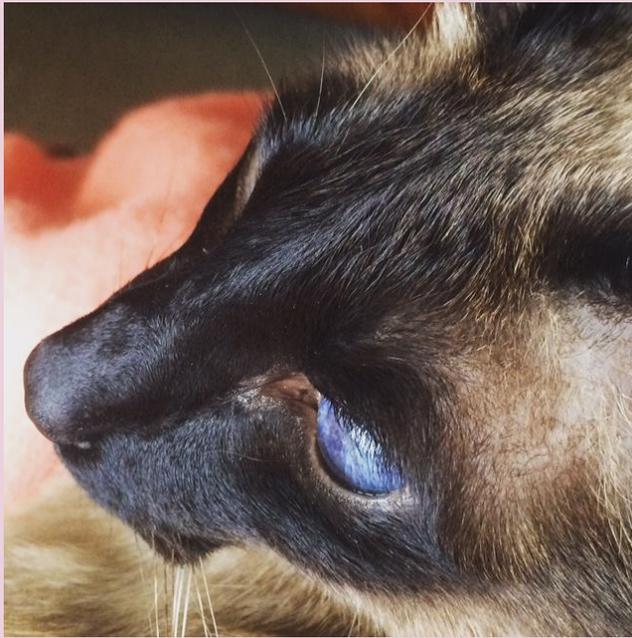
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Dr. Faythe Vaughan

Established in 1992



Feline Hyperthyroidism

Hyperthyroidism is the most common hormonal disease of cats resulting from secretion of excess thyroid hormone (T4). Thyroid hormone (T4) is responsible for regulating the metabolic rate of all cells in the body, which results in an overstimulation of nearly all organ systems. This overstimulation puts significant and potentially fatal stresses on the body.



What can happen if my cat is left untreated?

In general, cats waste away. Hyperthyroidism affects nearly every cell and organ in the body. The most significant problems are typically related to the cardiovascular system. Potential complications of untreated hyperthyroidism:

- Severe heart disease secondary to hyperthyroidism
- Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy which is a life-threatening condition
- High blood pressure
- Anxiety or other psychological disturbances
- Muscle-wasting
- Weight loss

Methimazole (Tapazole/Felimazole) often does not control the progression of cardiac disease even though it may appear to resolve the other signs of hyperthyroidism.

**Please refer to our website
for complete information!
www.felinehtc.com**

How Radioiodine Treatment Works

Radioiodine therapy, I^{131} , has been used in people for 75 years and in cats for 30 years. There are no physical side effects. The radioiodine is injected under the skin (like a vaccine) near the shoulders. It is immediately taken into the bloodstream and absorbed only by thyroid tissue, killing overactive thyroid cells and sparing normal thyroid cells. Once the T4 (thyroid hormone) levels drop below the normal range, the remaining normal thyroid cells are stimulated to become active again and they take over normal production.

Cost of I^{131} Therapy

The total cost is between \$1195.00 and \$1595.00 (based on your cat's dosage), payable when your cat is left for treatment. We accept all major credits cards, Care Credit, and cash. Checks are not accepted.

If you would like to use Care Credit, you may apply ahead of time at www.carecredit.com. We honor the 6-month, interest-free payment plan.