

## Frequently Asked Questions

- *Will my pet need to be sedated for ultrasound or radiographs?*

Occasionally sedation is needed. Client consent is obtained prior to any sedation.

- *When will I receive results for ultrasound or radiographs?*

The radiologist contacts your veterinarian as soon as the ultrasound or radiographs are complete. They also send a written report to your veterinarian. Consultations with the radiologist are available at additional charge.

- *Can I visit my cat while they are staying for their I-131 treatment?*

State regulations prohibit visits during the short stay at SCVI. Cats are frequently observed and cared for by SCVI staff. We update clients daily.

- *Will the radiation from I-131 treatment for my cat be harmful to me, my family or my other pets?*

No. We have some limitations on your interaction with your cat that will be discussed with you in detail.

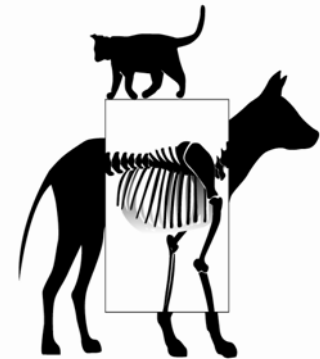
- *How long will it take for my cat to gain weight and return to normal behavior?*

It will take usually 1-2 months for thyroid levels to return to normal.



Dr. Rachel Schochet, DVM, MS, DACVR.

Dr. Schochet received her DVM at Colorado State University in 2000. Followed by a small animal internship at Wheatridge Animal Hospital in Wheatridge, Colorado in 2001. She then spent the next three years completing her radiology residency at Colorado State University where she received her MS degree in 2004. In 2005, Dr. Schochet opened SCVI where she monitors patients, reviews cases and x-rays, conducts CT scans and maintains close communication with in-house and referring vets, staff and clients.



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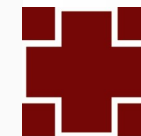
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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERINARY IMAGING

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### WELLNESS IMAGING EXAMS

The wellness imaging exams at SCVI are a non-invasive way to screen your pet for early disease detection. Thoracic radiographs with an abdominal ultrasound will complement yearly blood work and physical exams in adult pets. The imaging exams are performed by a Board Certified Radiologist and usually do not require any sedation. Contact SCVI or your regular veterinarian for more detailed information.



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## Services

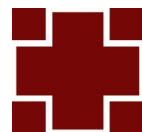
### Nuclear medicine:

- I-131 Treatment
- Bone Scan
- Portal Scintigraphy
- Glomerular Filtration Rate

**Ultrasound:** Sound waves are used to image the abdomen, heart/thorax and even muscular structures. This method is non-invasive and uses no radiation, allowing this procedure to be a safe and convenient way to detect diseases at an early treatable stage.

**Radiographs:** The same great technology as traditional x-ray with digital radiographs (x-rays) allowing the image to be viewed anywhere at any-time as well as evaluated by our board certified radiologist. Here at SCVI we use Ekin Digital Imaging System with Merge Technology. This technology also allows us to offer instant visualization of digital radiographs at all of our partner practices across the country.

**CT:** (Computed Tomography) Uses x-rays to acquire three dimensional, cross sectional images of the body with high contrast resolution. CT scans can be used in many functions as a diagnostic tool. It has been shown in the human literature that CT scans are five to six times more sensitive than radiographs at detecting metastasis within the lungs.



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## I-131 Treatment

### For Cats

Hyperthyroidism is the clinical syndrome that exists when there is overproduction of circulating thyroid hormone. Thyroid hormone regulates the body's overall metabolism. This disease is commonly seen in middle to older aged cats. The cause of this condition is most often due to benign, yet abnormal growth of functional thyroid cells, which are secreting excess thyroid hormone. Some common signs are: increased appetite, poor hair coat, weight loss, increased heart rate, anxiety, increased vocalization, increase water intake and urination. This disease can be cured with non-invasive treatment. Patients are given a diagnostic scan prior to treatment to ensure that we are treating cats appropriately and successfully. They are housed in a "cat condo" with soothing music and frequent visits by SCVI staff.



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