



# RADIOIODINE PROTOCOLS

Preparing your feline patient for their I-131 appointment at BEVS.

## 1-2 WEEKS PRIOR:

- If the cat is on methimazole, it must be discontinued 7-10 days prior to treatment.
- 2 view (VD and lateral) whole body radiographs must be completed. This can be done at your office\* (no more than 3 weeks before appointment) or here at BEVS on day of exam.

*\*Forward radiographs along with the referral to [info@bevsvt.com](mailto:info@bevsvt.com) prior to the appointment.*

- If the cat is on a thyroid diet, it must be discontinued min. 2 weeks prior to treatment.
- Patients must be current on rabies vaccination.

## MORNING OF:

- Please prescribe gabapentin for the owner to give the night before and morning of the appointment.

## MORNING OF (Cont'd):

- The cat must be fasted the morning of the appointment (except for the gabapentin).

## DAY OF EXAM AT BEVS:

- Full chemistry, CBC, T4, +/- UA (if azotemic) will be done on day of appointment by the BEVS team.
- If significant cardiac issues are noted on exam, such as arrhythmia, visible cardiac changes on radiographs and/or 3-6 heart murmur, this will warrant echocardiogram.

Treatments are scheduled Monday-Wednesday.

To make a I-131 referral, please submit through the Referring Veterinarian Portal at [bevsvt.com](https://bevsvt.com) or call **802.863.2387**.



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Our state-of-the art radioiodine room is equipped with cat condos, each with separate space for litter, sleeping and eating. The room also features windows with a view of bird feeders for entertainment throughout their stay.

Federal law requires treated cats remain in strict radioactive isolation during their treatment. During this time period, clients are not allowed to have direct visitation with their cat. They can, however, make use of our Virtual Visit web cameras directly on our website.

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