

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.¹ 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 4 months), a T4 (within last 30 days), and a lateral chest film (within last 4 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 mdutton@weareanimalhospital.

¹ 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.