

Centers For The Treatment of Feline Hyperthyroidism

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## SCHEDULING YOUR PATIENT FOR I-131 THERAPY

## WE TREAT PATIENTS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: HOLBROOK, LONG ISLAND, QUEENSBURY, NY & BROOKFIELD, CT.

- 1. Your client may call our office at **(866) 467-TCAT (8228)** to set up an appointment for their cat or the referring veterinarian /hospital staff member may call us to request a preadmission form which can be filled out and sent back to us and we will call the client directly.
- 2. When the appointment has been made we will instruct the client to make an appointment with your office for any pretesting that has not been done up until that point. We require as part of our pretesting a Chem/CBC/T4, urinalysis, and chest and abdominal radiographs (VD or DV& Lat views). If the cat has been taking medication/diet long term (more than 6 months), a T4 should be drawn approximately one week after the cat has been taken off the medication/diet. T4 levels factor into how the I-131 dosage is determined. We will forward your office a Thyro-Cat Medical History Sheet to be filled out and a request for the medical data to be faxed or e-mailed to us.
- **3.** If there is any concern to the cat's renal function (azotemia or USG of <1.035), a Tapazole/Y/D diet trial should be considered prior to I-131 treatment.
- 4. When we receive the medical information, our specialists will review the data. We need the pretesting information 2 weeks prior to the cat's scheduled appointment, or they will have to be rescheduled. If the cat is determined not to be a candidate for the I-131 you will be contacted by one of our specialists and consulted with about the case.
- 5. Cats who are currently taking Tapazole or Y/D, should be taken off the medication/diet seven to ten days prior to the scheduled I-131 treatment.