



VALLEY CENTRAL
 VETERINARY EMERGENCY HOSPITAL
 & REFERRAL CENTER

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NRC License No. 37-30848-01

USNRC Region 1
 475 Allendale Road
 King of Prussia PA 19406-1415

Gentlemen:

I am requesting amendment of my license to include the condition for early discharge of felines treated with I-131 for hyperthyroid condition. Specifically discharge will depend upon the client agreeing to terms for care following early discharge (attached) and the cat reaching an exposure rate of 0.5mR/hr at 1 meter.

For questions regarding this request please call John C. Ramsey at 570-977-6449.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
 Valley Central Veterinary Referral Center

Ronald Hodges
 Ronald Hodges, D.V.M.

cc John C. Ramsey
 Radiation Safety Officer

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Valley Central Veterinary Referral Center Nuclear Medicine Department

Radiation Safety Precautions for Animals Treated With Radioactive

Released at: 0.5mR/hr at 3 feet

Your cat has been treated with radioactive iodine and possesses a low level of radioactivity. The present level of radioactivity is at a level the Nuclear Regulatory Commission considers necessary for requiring *isolation at night* and special precautions. Because some radioactivity will be present for the next few weeks it is required that you agree to the following safety precautions. If you feel that you can not abide by the following conditions, you must notify a member of the VCVRC Nuclear Medicine Staff immediately to make alternative arrangements for your cat.

**Sequester your cat for the next four (4) weeks.
Minimal contact with your cat is important throughout this time.**

For the next four (4) weeks safety precautions include:

- Anyone who is pregnant or under the age of 16 shall have **no contact** with the cat for the entire duration of the four-week period
- Do not hold your cat, or allow your cat to sit on your lap. Provisions must be provided for your cat to sleep in separate quarters at night. Maintain at least one meter (3 feet) from your cat.
- Maintain a litter pan for your cat's urination and defecation (feces). Flushable litter may be used and disposed of daily. If regular litter is used, we recommend the use of litter pan liners (you can insert a litter box into a plastic trash bag, and then fill it with litter). This litter is to be disposed of daily. Wear rubber gloves when disposing of litter. Keep the litter out of the regular trash for four (4) weeks. At the end of the four (4) week period the litter can be disposed **after 80 days** with the regular trash.
- If your cat vomits or soils outside the litter box, wear gloves and use normal cleaning procedures. Put all soiled cleaning materials into a plastic bag and hold with litter 80 days.
- **Always wash your hands after contact with your cat or your cat's litter.**
- If you have any questions regarding radiation safety, please call a member of the Nuclear Medicine Department staff at 610-435-1553.

Client Signature

Date

(Your signature indicates that you have read, understood, and agree to the above safety requirements).

Nuclear Medicine Staff Member

Date

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This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application ~~dated~~

RECEIVED 3/15/2006, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

AMENDED. 37-30848-01
There were no administrative omissions. Your application was assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card

A copy of your action has been forwarded to our License Fee & Accounts Receivable Branch, who will contact you separately if there is a fee issue involved.

Your action has been assigned **Mail Control Number** 138575.
When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number.
You may call us on (610) 337-5398, or 337-5260.