

Preparing for your Pet's Cardiology Appointment



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Baseline SRR: breaths/min

Current medications & doses

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1. Before You Leave Home

- Bring your pet's full medication list (names, doses, frequency).
- Pack all current medication bottles if you're unsure about any details.
- If fasting was advised, ensure your pet has not eaten.
- Bring recent home monitoring notes (breathing rate, appetite, energy, weight, app data).

2. What to Bring to the Appointment

- Insurance details or documentation.
- Any referral notes or test results your vet provided.
- Previous heart scans, X-rays, ECGs, or blood tests.
- A favourite treat or comfort item to keep your pet relaxed.

4. Questions You May Want to Ask

- What stage of heart disease does my pet have?
- What medications are recommended and why?
- What should I monitor at home that may indicate deterioration?
- How often should follow-up appointments occur?

5. After the Appointment

- Confirm you understand all medication changes before leaving.
- Ask for written instructions if needed.
- Book the recommended follow-up appointment.
- Continue breathing-rate monitoring and general wellbeing checks.

! Contact your vet or emergency service if you notice any of the following:

- SRR consistently >30
- SRR ↑ >20% from baseline for >2 days
- Marked breathing effort
- Open-mouth breathing or panting at rest
- Collapse / fainting
- Dramatic reduction in activity
- Not eating for >24 hours
- Persistent cough worsening rapidly

Monitoring Record Sheet