



Your Pet's Heart Health: Why Repeat Scans Matter

It's completely natural to wonder why another heart scan is recommended, especially if your pet seems well at home. Heart conditions can change slowly and quietly, without causing obvious outward signs at first. Pets often hide their heart disease until it is very advanced so it is important to be proactive. Follow-up heart scans allow your vet to keep a close eye on your pet's heart and spot any changes early, often before your pet feels unwell.

Regular follow-up scans help your vet to:

- Pick up early changes before symptoms appear and reduce the risk of sudden decompensation.
- Check that any treatment is working as expected.
- Adjust medication, monitoring and care if needed, and thereby acting proactively rather than waiting for problems to develop.
- Support your pet in staying comfortable and enjoying a good quality of life for as long as possible.

By attending the recommended follow-up scans, you are helping your vet provide the best possible ongoing care for your pet.

How often will my pet need a scan?

This depends on your pet's individual condition and how their heart is responding. Many pets benefit from a scan every 6–12 months, although some may need them more frequently.

If you're ever unsure when your pet should return, please get in touch with your vet team. We're always happy to check your pet's records and advise you.

What to expect at a follow-up visit

Because your pet has had a heart scan before, the visit will feel familiar. Follow-up appointments are usually calm and straightforward:

- Your vet will talk with you about how your pet has been since the last visit.
- A repeat heart scan is carried out so we can compare results over time.
- The findings are explained to you and used to guide any care or treatment decisions.

Repeated heart scans give us invaluable information about your pet's wellbeing. It's one of the most effective tools we have to keep them feeling their best for as long as possible. Pets often hide their symptoms and may look and act healthy, so repeated heart scans can give you the peace of mind that you're not missing anything.