

What to Expect: Ultrasound Service

The Large Animal Ultrasound Service at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine is pleased to offer high quality ultrasound consultations for our referring veterinarians and their clients. The service is led by two clinicians, Dr. Kate Chope and Dr. Wade Tenney. We are aided by our new Veterinary Assistant, Erin Synott, who will act as the liaison, allowing you to schedule appointments efficiently with her and also have a direct line of contact with the ultrasound department.

These “ultrasound-only” appointments allow us to work directly with your veterinarian as a team of health care providers for your horse. This would apply to a case that has already been worked up and requires an ultrasound of a specific area of interest. In these cases, the correspondence regarding history and desired ultrasound will take place directly between you or your veterinarian and the ultrasound clinician or veterinary assistant. The patient will be admitted directly to ultrasound for an in-and-out appointment. Following the exam, the results will be relayed directly to you and your veterinarian so that you can decide on the best course of action for you and your horse. If, after discussion of the findings, you and your veterinarian request further evaluation at Tufts, same day consultations with the appropriate specialty service should be available on most days, barring emergencies.

Before Your Appointment

- You will speak with our Veterinary Assistant and liaison, Erin Synott, to coordinate your appointment. You are welcome to speak with Dr. Tenney or Dr. Chope as well, if desired, to discuss the case and they may contact you to clarify any pertinent details prior to the day of the examination.
- Please be sure we have any pertinent medical records or previous ultrasounds prior to the visit in order to help maximize our knowledge of the case and avoid delays on the day of your examination.
- You may send the above information to hlaultrasound@tufts.edu.

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Parking

- Please park in the client lot in front of the Large Animal Hospital. There is plenty of trailer space available. Individual cars can park in the designated visitor parking areas.

Registration

- Please check in with our front desk before unloading your horse. They will be able to page the Ultrasound Team to let them know of your arrival.

Services

- Your horse may need a brief exam prior to the ultrasound in order to ensure that his condition has not changed. Your horse will likely be clipped in order to maximize image quality. If your horse cannot be clipped for any reason please let us know ahead of time. Also, if your horse has a history of sensitive skin, please let us know so that we can wash the ultrasound gel off following the exam. Sedation may be administered if needed to safely perform the exam, but will generally wear off by the end of the exam. Some exams may take place with your horse inside of the stocks. Most ultrasound exams typically take 1-1.5 hours, including prep time and a discussion of findings.
- At the end of your exam, the Ultrasound Team will discuss the findings with you and your regular veterinarian so that you can determine the best course of treatment. You will receive a written summary of your visit that can also be emailed to you if you choose. Digital images of the ultrasound exam are available on a jump drive upon request.
- Any follow up appointments can be made through Erin either at the time of discharge or at a time more convenient for you.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide services for you and your horse!

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