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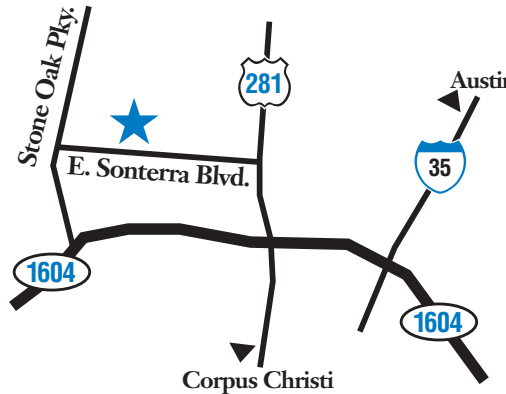
The mission of Veterinary Imaging Center of South Texas, P.A. is to provide high quality veterinary diagnostic imaging services to the south Texas area.

Our goal is to maintain excellent relationships with our referring veterinarians and clients.

We'll strive to always "do our best" and provide excellent care to the pets.



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OF SOUTH TEXAS, P.A.



VIC IS LOCATED IN SAN ANTONIO, OPERATING WITHIN VETERINARY REFERRAL AND EMERGENCY CENTER OF SOUTH TEXAS (VREC) AND SERVES THE SOUTH TEXAS AREA.

VREC is located on Sonterra Blvd between US 281 north and Stone Oak Parkway in north San Antonio. We are just outside or north of Loop 1604.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From US 281, take Sonterra Blvd exit and head west. VREC is located on your right just before Ronald Reagan High School (approximately 1.3 miles from 281).

From Loop 1604, take Stone Oak Parkway exit and head north. Turn right onto Sonterra Blvd. VREC is located on your left just past Ronald Reagan.



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*Diagnostic Imaging
and
Nuclear Medicine Services
in Small Animals*



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About Us

Veterinary Imaging Center of South Texas, P.A. (VIC) is a *referral only* specialty center, which offers diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine services, including radioactive iodine treatment, in small animals. As a referral only practice, in order for you to see the specialists at VIC, you must receive a referral from your veterinarian. VIC is an extension of your veterinarian in that we strive to extend the services that your pet's regular doctor provides. VIC works closely with other specialists in offering state of the art facilities and services for the patients.

Staff Radiologist

VIC is operated by **Andra K. Voges, D.V.M., D.A.C.V.R.** (*Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Radiology*). Andra graduated from Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine in 1991. After working as a mixed animal practitioner in the central Texas area for 2 years, she decided to



specialize in radiology. Dr. Voges spent 3 years training to be a radiologist at the University of Florida (UF) College of Veterinary Medicine. In 1996, Andra completed her residency in radiology and became a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Radiology. Dr. Voges remained on the faculty at UF for a short period before joining a private practice referral hospital in southwest Florida. She moved to San Antonio in 2000 and began operating the current practice. In 2002, Dr. Voges purchased this practice and formed Veterinary Imaging Center.

Services of Veterinary Imaging Center of South Texas

RADIOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATIONS - CONSULTATIONS

VIC offers consultations for interpreting radiographs, as second opinions for you or your veterinarian. Dr. Voges will provide a written report on radiographs or advanced imaging studies presented to her for evaluation. These reports are generally provided within 24 working hours of when the images are received.

RADIOLOGY SERVICES

Veterinary Imaging Center of South Texas, P.A. provides radiology services for ordinary radiographic procedures or specialized studies, which may require techniques or equipment that the general veterinary practitioner may not offer, including fluoroscopy. We are available to obtain radiographs of the skull, as well as contrast studies (gastrointestinal tract, urinary system, open lesions, myelograms), or just high detail radiographs of various body regions.

ULTRASOUND SERVICES

Ultrasound offers a non-invasive, non-painful method for the diagnosis and staging of many diseases. Ultrasound is an excellent tool for evaluating the internal abdominal organs, checking for pregnancy, examining the heart and its function and many other structures. Ultrasound is also an excellent tool to obtain tissue samples without submitting your pet to surgery and can generally be done without anesthesia or even sedation. At VIC, we offer Doppler ultrasound, which is used to evaluate the blood flow within the body. This is most important in looking for congenital heart defects.

NUCLEAR MEDICINE (SCINTIGRAPHY)

Nuclear medicine or scintigraphy is the use of radioactive substances in studying the physiology of the body or "how the body works." This type of study is important to see how the body works, especially for the bones, kidneys, liver and thyroids. Some studies offered at VIC include thyroid scans, bone scans, liver scans, kidney scan (GFR)

and transcolonic studies. Bone scans are useful in determining the cause of a lameness or looking for spread of cancer to bones. Kidney and liver scans are useful in evaluating the function of these organs. Thyroid scans are useful in determining the presence or absence of overactive thyroid tissue. Transcolonic studies are used to evaluate for the presence or absence of abnormal blood flow through the liver (porto-systemic shunts).

RADIOACTIVE IODINE TREATMENT (I131 FOR HYPERTHYROID CATS)

Hyperthyroidism is a clinical condition in which there is overproduction of thyroid hormone, which is the hormone that regulates the body's metabolism. This means that hyperthyroid cats have very high metabolism. Hyperthyroidism is very common in older cats. There are several methods of treating this condition once it is diagnosed, (request a copy of our Feline Hyperthyroidism brochure for additional information) but radioactive iodine is one method in which to treat feline hyperthyroidism. This method simply involves giving your cat a single shot of a radioactive substance, which will stop the overproduction of thyroid hormone. This single shot is curative 96% of the time and is offered daily at VIC.

ADVANCED IMAGING (CT/MRI)

Advanced imaging refers to specialized or advanced methods of imaging of the body, beyond general radiography. We use this term to refer to computed tomography or "cat scans" (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) studies. These studies provide high detail, cross sectional images of the body. These types of studies are most frequently used in cases of neurological diseases and conditions, and are excellent at evaluating the brain and spinal cord for disease. They are also excellent tools to evaluate for small lesions within the body including looking for the spread of cancer. A helical CT is available in our facility on a daily basis and we have access to an "off-site" MRI.