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Abdominal Ultrasound

Abdominal ultrasound is a type of imaging that allows examination of the internal organs. Ultrasound imaging can provide detailed information by non invasive means, helping the veterinarian make a diagnosis or design a plan for medical treatment or surgery.

Some examples of abdominal imaging's utility are:

- 1.) Identifying masses that have not been detected by abdominal palpation or radiography.
- 2.) Localization of masses to specific organs
- 3.) Helping to determine the extent of involvement of masses for planning surgical intervention
- 4.) Assessing changes in organ structure.
- 5.) Assessing size of abdominal organs
- 6.) Identifying abdominal fluid
- 7.) Facilitate conservative minimally invasive sampling of certain tissues or fluids for diagnostic testing.

In many instances these results can prevent unnecessary surgery. In most disease processes ultrasound can provide valuable information to aid in the appropriate diagnosis and management of your pet.