

Hyperthyroid Success Story

Wuzzy Tesmer, a beautiful calico cat, residing in Maple Heights was taken to The Family Pet Clinic and was seen by Dr. Rick Thompson, this is what he wrote. Wuzzy came in for her semi-annual physical exam and wellness testing. We noted that she had lost ¼ lb. That doesn't sound like much, but Wuzzy isn't very big. She went from 6 ½ lbs to 6 ¼ lbs. We had been treating her for kidney disease that was improving and we still had weight loss. The routine blood work we do for older cats includes a T4 level. The level was significantly elevated for Wuzzy. Her mom had been through this before with another of her cats and she knew not to wait-we referred to Dr. O'Roark immediately.

To assure Wuzzy was a good candidate Dr. Thompson took chest radiographs, did a general blood chemistry/ CBC, urinalysis and blood pressure. She passed all tests so Wuzzy came to The Elyria Animal Hospital for a consultation on I-131 therapy and review of her tests results. On that same day an appointment was made for Wuzzy for the following Monday.

On Monday Wuzzy was given radioiodine I-131 intravenously and moved into one of our brand new, large cat cages. She was visited by a staff member multiple times a day to care for her. After staying the minimum amount of time, (4 days by Law). On Thursday Wuzzy was discharged to her owner who received detailed, written after care instructions.

About 2 months later Wuzzy returned to The Family Pet Clinic for thyroid testing and a small chemistry. Everything was within normal limits, the T4 went from 7.5 ug/ml to 1.0 ug/ml, normal is (0.8ug/ml – 4.7ug/ml). This success should be permanent and no other medications for thyroid disease will be needed.

Radioiodine I-131 has a success rate of 98% on the first treatment. The vast majority of the remaining 2.0% can be managed with thyroid supplements, usually less than 6 months, 2-4 months average before returning to completely normal function. The few that remain hyperthyroid can be re-treated at a reduced cost.

Signs of hyperthyroid can be any combination of; or the exact opposite, called "apathetic"

Expected signs are:

- 1) weight loss
- 2) vomiting
- 3) diarrhea
- 4) increased appetite and food consumption
- 5) increased water intake
- 6) increased heart or respiratory rate
- 7) hyperactivity
- 8) aggression

Apathetic patients:

- 1) decreased appetite (2 anorexia (3 depression (4 weakness
- 5) stable weight



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Thank you for sending this to me. I like the article. If you wish to add my comments (this is entirely up to you) I would say the following.

As a pet parent I would greatly encourage anyone with a cat with a Hyperthyroid condition to seriously consider having their precious family member evaluated for the I-131 therapy. The treatment not only improves the quality of life for your feline companion but it reduces the stress on all family members by removing the need for daily medication, which can be a difficult task if your pet is a finicky eater. Many cats can be notoriously hard to medicate, especially my Wuzzy. Giving daily meds can be stressful and make life harder for all. I have now had 3 cats over the last 20 years develop this condition and have found the I-131 treatment to be the best and most successful.

I cannot say how grateful I am that they took such good care of my feline family members and how much the I-131 treatment improved their lives. You cannot ask for better treatment than with Dr. Thompson or any of the other Doctors at the Family Pet Clinic or Dr. O'Roark at the Elyria Animal Hospital. They treat both your pet and your family with respect and care deeply about each pet they see. They have my sincerest thanks for the way they treat all my furry family members.

Sincerely,

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