



Ever since your pet's first puppy or kitten check-up, your family veterinarian has been monitoring their heart. If any concerning changes arise, such as a murmur or abnormal heart rhythm, your veterinarian may refer your pet to a Veterinary Cardiologist for a more detailed cardiac evaluation.

TERMS TO KNOW

CONGENITAL

Congenital refers to developmental changes in the heart that are typically present in patients since birth. The severity of these diseases is evaluated using echocardiography, cardiac catheterization, and angiography. Several diseases, such as pulmonic stenosis and patent ductus arteriosus, may be cured or have their severity greatly reduced with interventional or minimally invasive cardiac procedures.

ARRHYTHMIA

Arrhythmia refers to an abnormal heart rhythm that does not follow the normal pattern. Arrhythmias can be caused by structural heart disease, abnormal cardiac conduction, electrolyte abnormalities, and systemic inflammation. Pets with arrhythmias will often require an echocardiogram (cardiac ultrasound) and ECG to better understand the cause and treatment recommendations. For patients with chronic arrhythmias, at-home heart monitors can be applied.



DIAGNOSTICS AND TREATMENTS AVAILABLE

Heart problems are common in animals, and can range from “let’s keep an eye on this” to “we need to take action.” The most successful way to treat pet heart disease is checking out the condition early on and working with your family veterinarian and cardiologist for a complete diagnosis and plan of care.

We provide diagnosis, treatment, and long-term management for a wide array of both congenital (from birth) and acquired heart and respiratory diseases in dogs and cats.

- ▼ **Advanced cardiac diagnostics**
 - ▼ Echocardiography
 - ▼ Angiography
 - ▼ Transesophageal echocardiography
 - ▼ OFA Cardiac certification
 - ▼ 24-hour Holter monitoring
- ▼ **Minimally invasive procedures**
 - ▼ Pericardiocentesis
 - ▼ Pacemaker implantation
 - ▼ PDA occlusion
 - ▼ Balloon valvuloplasty
 - ▼ Heartworm extraction

WHAT IS A BOARD-CERTIFIED CARDIOLOGIST

In veterinary medicine, the term “board-certified specialist” is used to describe a veterinarian who has completed advanced training in a particular discipline. Board-certified cardiology specialists embody the utmost level of care for patients necessitating thorough acute or long-term treatment.

At Care Center, it also means having a trusted partner working with you and your primary care veterinarian toward excellent care, while providing emergency and specialty services when you need us most.

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