At Shaw Pet & Equine Hospitals, we believe the pet’s best interests are paramount and that the treatment should never be worse than the disease. After years of preparation and a complex process of licensure, we became the first veterinary practice on Vancouver Island to offer nuclear medicine to our pets.

Four locations to serve you.

Central Saanich Animal Hospital
(250)652-4312

Burnside Pet Clinic
(250)361-1287

Vetcetera Pet Hospital
(778)410-2179

Hollywood Pet Hospital
(250)370-7734

A One Shot Deal…
One injection of Radioiodine(I-131) is all it takes!
Experts agree: Treatment of choice

- More cost effective
- Eliminates daily pilling
- Does NOT require anesthesia
- Does NOT affect healthy thyroid tissue
- Does NOT damage any other tissue or organs including parathyroid glands.
- Does NOT have any harmful side effects
- Destroys thyroid tumors wherever their location
- Returns thyroid function to normal usually within one month

Shaw Pet & Equine Hospitals
Nuclear Medicine for the Treatment of Feline Hyperthyroidism
(250)370-7734
www.shawpet.ca
The Cure for Feline Hyperthyroidism is here...A One Shot Deal!

What is Hyperthyroidism?

The thyroid gland regulates the body’s metabolic rate. Your hyperthyroid cat has a tumor (98% are benign) that is producing too much thyroid hormone. This keeps the cat’s “engine” running at an abnormally high speed.

Other options and their risks

Anti-thyroid drugs (Methimazole (Tapazole)):

- Do not cure the disease or destroy the tumor
- Have many side effects like nausea, vomiting, lethargy and hair loss
- Loss of vital white blood cells and blood clotting
- Long term damage to liver and kidneys
- Damage to owner-pet relationship due to pilling your cat 1-3 times daily
- Increased need for blood tests to monitor thyroid hormone levels and potential side effects
- Cost of pills and blood tests is $400-$600 per year, for the rest of your cat’s life.

Surgical removal:

- Anesthesia risk
- Possible damage to/removal of parathyroid glands
- Difficulty in identifying/removing the entire tumor
- Persistence of hyperthyroidism post-surgery (80% will develop a tumor in the opposite side within one and a half years)
- Thyroid tissue in the chest that cannot be removed
- Many cats still need I-131 therapy after surgery

Your cat’s hospitalization

Your cat must reach the safe and legal level of radiation release before coming home (often harder for the owner than the cats). We make every effort to make feline guests as happy as possible.

Our kennels are large, bright and comfortable. Toys and blankets are welcome but not returnable. We ask that you bring your cat’s own food in disposable containers as we do not return food once it has entered the I-131 ward. During their stay we will call with updates on the Thursday and Monday.

Post treatment care

After your cat is released, we ask that you take two weeks of some basic common sense precautions primarily regarding your cat’s litter box output (we’ll provide you with instructions).

You do not need to isolate your cat once at home, but you must keep your cat indoors for 2 weeks.

It is also important to limit close contact for 2 weeks. **We do ask that pregnant women do not participate in the cats care during this time.**