

Thyroid Health Questions

To ask your veterinarian

- 1. What does the thyroid gland do and how can it impact the health of my cat?**
- 2. What are the different therapy options if my cat has thyroid health problems?**
 - What factors do you consider before deciding the best way to manage this condition?
 - What if my cat has other health issues? How will that affect your therapy recommendation?
- 3. What are the pros and cons of surgery or radioactive iodine therapy?**
 - How will any potential complications be managed?
 - Where will the surgery or radioactive iodine therapy be performed?
 - How long before I can bring my cat home?
 - What do I need to know when I do bring my cat home?
 - Is there a chance the thyroid health problem will come back after either of these procedures?
- 4. If anti-thyroid medication is recommended, how often will I have to medicate my cat?**
 - What is the best way to administer the medication?
 - How long will my cat have to take the medication?
 - Are there potential side effects? How can these be managed?
- 5. Can nutrition be used to manage thyroid health problems?**
 - Request any guides, pamphlets or other information about managing feline thyroid health with nutrition.
 - How do I transition my cat from his or her current food to the Prescription Diet® food?
 - Will I have to feed this food for the rest of my cat's life?
 - Can I still give my cat treats? How will other medications or supplements affect the effectiveness of the nutrition?
 - Can my other cats eat this food? How do I make sure each of my cats eat the right food?
- 6. How often will I need to bring my cat back to the clinic for check-ups?**
 - What kinds of things will you be monitoring during these recheck appointments?
 - Ask if a reminder e-mail or notice will be sent.
- 7. What is the best way to reach you or your hospital if I have any follow-up questions?**

Veterinarian's name _____

Phone number _____

Off-hours emergency phone number _____

E-mail _____

