**What is the role of the Radiology service at VSES**

Similar to human health care radiologists, veterinary radiologists are a consultant for other veterinarians. Radiologists do not provide primary care.

Veterinary radiologists consult with:

- Veterinarians in general practice
- Veterinarians in the emergency practice
- Veterinary specialists in other disciplines, such as internal medicine, oncology and surgery

In addition to performing and interpreting ultrasound exams, Dr. Bouma interprets MRI, in-house radiographs and referral radiographs.

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**Getting to Know the Service**

Dr. Bouma received her VMD from the Veterinary School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1997. In the summer of 1998, following completion of a one-year internship at Angell Memorial in Boston, she returned to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (VHUP) in Philadelphia for a three-year residency in radiology.

Jennifer L. Bouma, VMD, DACVR

Dr. Bouma achieved Diplomate status with the American College of Veterinary Radiology while she was at VHUP following her residency.

As a radiologist, Dr. Bouma has worked in Colorado and Delaware, but is happy to be back in New York. As a native of Jamestown, NY, she grew up in the state's Southern Tier.

Kim Turk, LVT, Radiology Coordinator

Kim began working at VSES in 2000 as a full-time licensed veterinary technician. She received her associate's degree in Animal Science from SUNY Delhi.

As the radiology coordinator, Kim handles patient phone calls and assists Dr. Bouma with procedures when necessary.

Kathy Penny, LVT

Kathy received her veterinary technician license from Medaille College in 2006. She worked at a small animal general practice and at the Humane Society of Charlotte Spay/Neuter Clinic in North Carolina before joining the VSES team.

Angela Amo–Keymel, LVT

Angela has been employed at VSES since 1996. She received her veterinary technician license from Canton College in 1996. In 2009, Angela graduated from Monroe Community College with her license as a registered technologist in radiology.
**What is a veterinary radiologist?**

The American College of Veterinary Radiology is one of 20 veterinary specialty organizations recognized by the AVMA American Board of Veterinary Specialists. The American College of Veterinary Radiology was founded in 1961.

For a veterinarian to be considered a specialist in a specific discipline, he/she must first complete years of additional training, including an internship and residency at an accredited institution. Diplomate status is obtained by veterinarians who have successfully passed rigorous specialty boards following completion of their residency program.

A specialist in veterinary radiology is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiology and will have the initials DACVR following veterinary credentials.

For more about veterinary/radiology specialization, visit the American College of Veterinary Radiology online at www.acvr.org

VSES’s department of radiology has a full-time radiologist, Jennifer L. Bouma, VMD, DACVR. The department also has three licensed veterinary technicians, Angela Amo-Keymel, LVT; Kathy Scata-Penny, LVT; and, Kim Turk, LVT.

**How should I prepare for my pet’s ultrasound appointment?**

We ask that you do not feed your pet for at least 12 hours before the appointment. During this fasting period, do not restrict access to water. We will provide special instructions for diabetic patients.

To ensure a full bladder, please do not walk your dog during the two hours before the appointment and do not allow your dog to urinate on the walk into the hospital.

All follow up for outpatient ultrasound appointments will occur with your regular veterinarian. Prior to your appointment, we encourage you to determine if follow-up with your veterinarian will be done by phone or by appointment.

**What should I know about ultrasound appointments?**

Advances in imaging technology have dramatically improved our ability to diagnose and treat serious diseases in our pets. Abdominal ultrasound, a non-invasive imaging study, is widely used in veterinary medicine to aid in diagnosing a vast array of disorders.

The use of abdominal ultrasound is most beneficial when it is a part of a complete work up.

Outpatient ultrasound appointments are available for pets who do not require urgent or emergency care. When making an outpatient ultrasound appointment, please also arrange follow-up plans with your regular veterinarian. He or she will receive a written ultrasound consultation upon completion of the exam.

Unless it is determined that your pet requires immediate medical attention, allow up to 24-48 hours for your veterinarian to receive the written report.