



## Extended Release Protocol for Cats Treated With Radioiodine ( $I^{131}$ )

Your cat has been given radioiodine ( $I^{131}$ ) for the treatment of hyperthyroidism. He/she has been isolated while most of the radioiodine has been excreted from the cat's body. A very low level of radioiodine still exists in your cat, but this level is below that which **Nu-Cat** considers necessary for complete patient isolation from humans. Because exposure to radiation should always be kept at a level as is reasonable achievable, it is recommended that you abide by the following safety precautions.

For the next 2 weeks you should:

1. Avoid close contact with your cat for long periods of time (i.e. 30 minutes or more).
2. Provide a litter pan with clumping litter for the cat's urination and defecation.  
Please be sure to use clumping, flushable cat litter. Be sure to scoop the box twice daily so you don't risk clogging the toilet.
3. Wear rubber gloves (preferably disposable) when handling or changing the litter.
4. Always wash your hands immediately after contact with your cat's litter.
5. Confine the cat in the home.
6. No person under the age of 18 or pregnant person should have contact with the cat.
7. If you have any questions regarding radiation safety measures concerning your cat, please call **Nu-Cat**.

Phone Number: 901-274-1444

Client's Signature (Admission): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client's Signature (Discharge): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature indicates that you have read, understood, and agreed to the above radiation safety precautions.

Clinician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_