I-131 Discharge Instructions with Home Procedures
(Sewer Instructions)

____________________________________ (Patient Name) has completed their radioactive iodine therapy at Fresno Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center on ___________________________. Precautions must be taken for two weeks ___________________________ (end date) and others for five weeks ___________________________ (end date).

1. Your cat is required to be transported in a carrier (provided by FVSEC) for the next five weeks. FVSEC will no be held responsible for any contamination to property caused by your cat’s bodily fluids (vomit, diarrhea, urine, saliva, etc.) once discharged from FVSEC.

2. Minimal interaction with your cat for two weeks. Interaction should be limited to 5 minutes per day, per person. Do not allow your cat on the kitchen counters where you prepare food in this two week period.

3. Keep your cat indoors for the next two weeks.

4. For two weeks, wear latex gloves (provided by FVSEC) when handling any of your cat’s waste, including bodily fluids. Gloves must also be worn when cleaning the litter pan. Clean the litter pan twice daily. All solid waste (bowel movements) need to be flushed down the toilet. All materials (litter pan, scooper, etc) should be stored in a double lined container for 3 months. The container should be kept in a remote location. After three months _________________ (end date), the contents can be disposed of in your regular waste. Any accidents outside the litter pan should be cleaned and all materials used should be stored and disposed of the same way.

5. No minors or those who are suspected or are pregnant should interact with your cat. They should also have no contact with any waste materials for at least five weeks.

6. If there is a medical emergency or your cat needs medical attention within two weeks of discharge, have your family veterinarian contact our hospital at 559-451-0800 for isolation procedures. If your cat passes away or needs to be euthanized within EIGHTY DAYS, the remains will need to be stored (at our facility) until radiation has reached a safe level. After that period, your cat can then be cremated. You will be charged for a hold fee for this time in addition to cremation charges when the said period is over.

7. A recheck examination and bloodwork with your family veterinarian will need to be scheduled 30 and 90 days post treatment to determine the success of the I-131 treatment.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA AND RADIOATION SAFETY PRECAUTIONS STATED ABOVE.

Client Signature: ________________________________________________________  Date: _____________________________________

OFFICE USE ONLY:

I VERIFY THAT I HAVE GONE OVER ALL DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS WITH THE CLIENT.

STAFF SIGNATURE: _____________________________________________________  DATE: ______________________________