



HEART MURMUR

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR HEART MURMUR

This pet has been diagnosed with a heart murmur. Heart murmurs are a sound caused by the turbulence of blood flow through the heart, most often due to abnormalities of the heart valves. The pet may have been born with a heart murmur, or they may have acquired the heart murmur with age. Some pets with heart murmurs live normal lives and do not have any ill effects from the murmur. However, others may have their condition advance to congestive heart failure. The cause of this pet's heart murmur is unknown at this time, so it is unsure how it may progress. A consultation with the owner's veterinarian is recommended. Recommendations may include regular exams to monitor the heart, chest x-rays, or even an ultrasound of the heart. Medications may be prescribed by the owner's veterinarian in order to slow or manage heart disease that may be present. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.