

# Has your cat been diagnosed with a heart murmur but displays no other symptoms?



**Heart murmurs are common in cats but may not always be associated with disease.** If your veterinarian has detected a heart murmur in your cat but he or she is not displaying additional symptoms, echocardiography is the best way to determine whether his or her heart murmur is a result of cardiac disease or a harmless “flow murmur”.



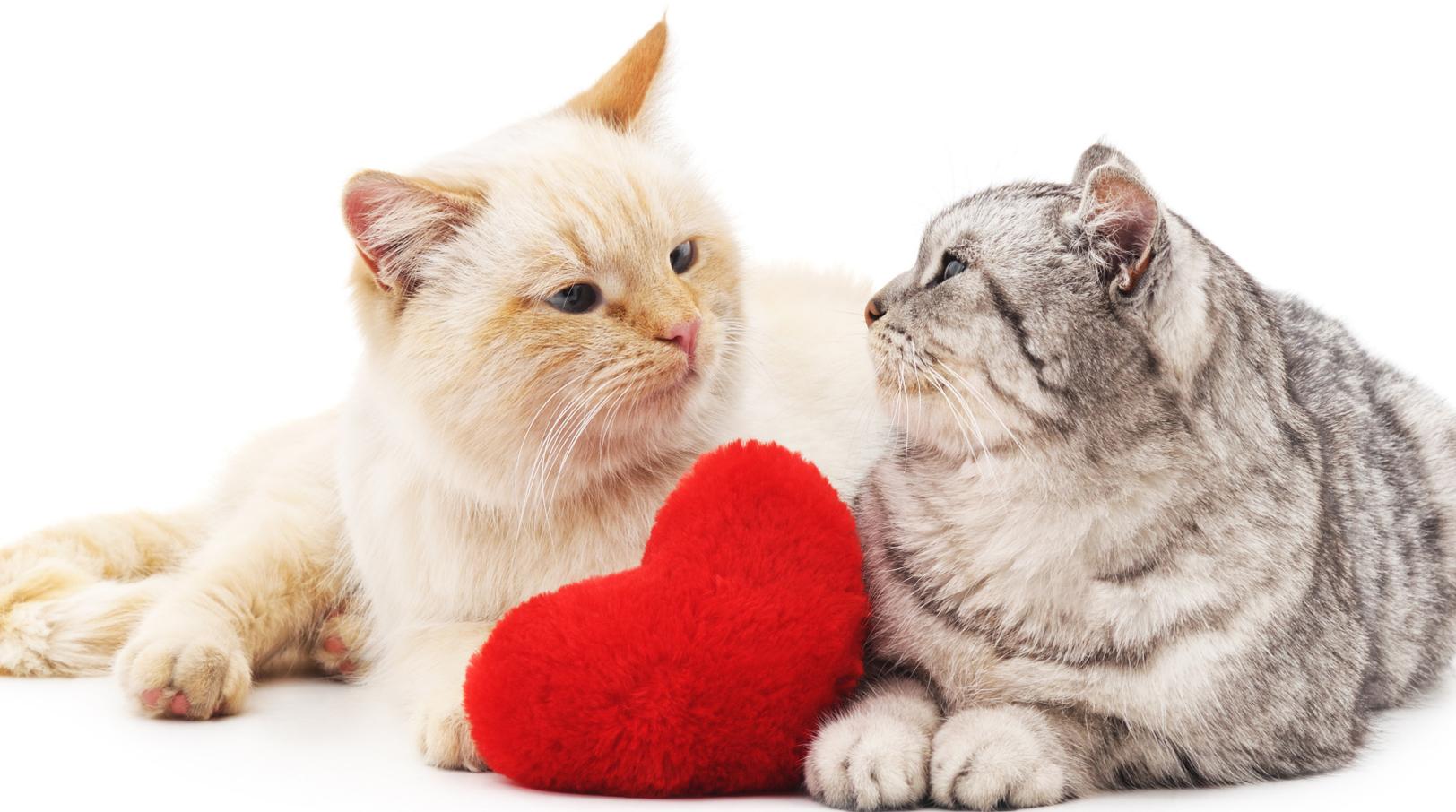
Our board-certified cardiologist, Dr. Gordon Peddle, will be performing feline echocardiogram screenings without a consultation fee for cats that qualify during our August Health Clinic.

## Are you putting off further testing due to cost?

The combined fees for a consultation and echocardiogram screening of your cat’s heart murmur with a board-certified cardiologist can be costly and you may feel tempted to forego the recommended test, especially when your cat is not displaying any other concerning symptoms. Heart disease can be manageable if caught early, which is why this August, we are hosting a clinic where your otherwise healthy cat can receive the recommended echocardiogram screening he or she needs for his or her heart murmur, performed by our board-certified cardiologist at a more affordable rate.

As a participant in this clinic, the total cost for your cat’s echocardiogram screening and evaluation of results by Dr. Peddle will be the standard echocardiogram fee of \$571.00 (\*barring unexpected complications); **Dr. Peddle’s additional consultation fee of \$223.00 will be waived.**

\*If significant unexpected complications or life-threatening emergencies are detected during the evaluation, the appointment will convert to a standard consultation with the associated fee. If your cat requires a light sedative to complete the echocardiogram due to stressed, fearful, or aggressive behavior, you will incur an additional fee for the sedative only.



## Qualifications

This clinic is **limited to cats with heart murmurs that aren't exhibiting other symptoms and do not have a history of heart-related disease.**

Cats who meet any of the following criteria are **not eligible** for participation in the clinic and a standard cardiology consultation appointment with Dr. Peddle should be scheduled:

- Diagnosed hyperthyroidism
- Previously documented heart disease or heart enlargement, elevated NT-proBNP level, or receiving any cardiac medications
- A history of heart beat gallop or arrhythmia (more specific indicators of heart disease in cats)
- Undiagnosed or untreated respiratory symptoms of any kind
- A history of behavioral issues or aggression (because of additional time required to evaluate and possible need for heavy sedation)

Talk to your family veterinarian or give us a call and ask for Michele G. if you are unsure whether or not your cat qualifies.



### Make an Appointment

To make an appointment for your cat, give us a call at **(973) 788-0500** and ask for Michelle G. We anticipate time slots to fill up quickly, so call today to reserve your spot!

#### CLINIC LOCATION

Animal Emergency & Referral Associates  
1237 Bloomfield Ave, Fairfield, NJ 07004

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#### Animal Eye Center of NJ

48 Notch Road, Little Falls, NJ 07424  
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#### Animal Behavior Clinic of AERA

1275 Bloomfield Ave, Bldg. 9, Unit 87, Fairfield, NJ 07004  
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