Identifying heart disease in cats

At-risk cat
(murmur, arrhythmia, prior to anesthesia, breed, history, age)

Feline proBNP abnormal?

YES

Evidence of increased stretch and stress on myocardium

NO

Moderate-to-severe disease unlikely at this time; retest next year

Investigate
• Additional diagnostics required
  • Evaluate for diseases affecting the heart (hyperthyroidism, hypertension) or reducing the excretion of NT-proBNP (severe renal disease)
  • Quantitative Cardiopet® proBNP Test (test code 2666)
  • Echocardiogram for diagnosis
  • Radiographs (optional)

Manage
• Treatment based upon echocardiographic findings and diagnosis

Monitor
• Educate client on home monitoring
  • Resting respiratory rate
• Recheck using Cardiopet proBNP Test every 6–12 months