

overview

Holter monitoring in Boxer dogs in Australia involves placing a small device on the dog's chest to record their heart rhythm for 24 hours or longer. This helps diagnose arrhythmias and other heart conditions, especially in Boxers, which are prone to heart problems. The monitor can be applied by a veterinarian or, in some cases, by the owner after receiving instructions [from Veterinary Cardiologists Australia](#).

Here's a more detailed look:

Why use a Holter monitor?

- **Diagnosing arrhythmias:**

Holter monitors can identify irregular heartbeats that may not be apparent during a regular check-up.

- **Assessing heart conditions:**

They can help diagnose and monitor various heart conditions, including cardiomyopathy and atrial fibrillation.

- **Evaluating medication:**

They can be used to assess the effectiveness of medications for heart conditions.

How it works:

- **Electrodes:**

Small electrodes are attached to the dog's chest to pick up electrical signals from the heart.

- **Recording:**

The device records the heart's rhythm and activity for a specified period (usually 24 hours or longer).

- **Analysis:**

The recorded data is then analyzed by a veterinarian or specialist to identify any abnormalities.

Who needs it?

- Boxers, due to their susceptibility to heart problems.
- Dogs with a history of fainting or weakness.
- Dogs with suspected irregular heartbeats.

Where to get it:

. **SASH (Small Animal Specialist Hospital):**

[SASH Vets](#) has a cardiology service that may offer Holter monitoring.

- Veterinary Cardiologists Australia offers holter monitoring services.
- CardioRespiratory Pet Referrals Victoria provides holter monitoring and monitor hire.
- Perth Animal Ultrasound provides vet holter monitoring in Perth.
- Laverty Pathology offers cardiac monitoring services, including holter monitoring.

Important notes:

- A referral from a veterinarian is usually required for holter monitoring.
- The monitor is typically worn for 24 hours or longer, allowing for a more comprehensive assessment of the dog's heart rhythm during normal activity.
- Boxer dogs may require specialized adjustments for the Holter monitor placement due to their physical characteristics.

[24 Hour Holter Monitor Services](#)

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For clients: **Holter monitoring will require a referral from your veterinarian.** Please contact us by phone (1300 582 382) or email (info@vcacardiology.com.au) ...