Carolina Animal Specialty & Emergency offers radioactive iodine therapy, which is the safest and most effective treatment for feline hyperthyroidism.

**COMMON SIGNS OF HYPERTHYROIDISM:**
- Weight loss, despite an increased appetite
- Hyperactivity
- Excessive thirst
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting
- Excessive urination
- Panting
- Rapid heart rate
- Hypertension
- Excessive shedding and/or matting
- Increased vocalization

**TREATING HYPERTHYROIDISM**
If left untreated, hyperthyroidism is progressive and could be fatal. Recent studies show that cats treated with I-131 live longer than those treated with medications.
WHY CHOOSE I-131 THERAPY?
Treatment is 95%+ effective, resulting in normalization of the thyroid hormone in 1 to 3 months. Side effects associated with radioactive iodine therapy are uncommon.

BENEFITS
- Involves a single subcutaneous injection
- Minimal hospital stay
- Avoids side effects that can be seen with methimazole therapy
- Avoids daily administration of methimazole, reducing stress for you and your cat
- More cost-effective long-term than other treatment options

SCHEDULING TREATMENT
Dr. Scott Helms, DVM, Diplomate ABVP, is a boarded specialist that has been treating cats with radioactive iodine since 1998. Please call or visit us for more information on I-131 therapy.