

Hospital for Small Animals

Dick Vet Rabbit and
Exotic Practice



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
The Royal (Dick) School
of Veterinary Studies

Welcome to the Dick Vet Rabbit and Exotic Practice

DVREP is dedicated to providing gold standard veterinary care for small mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates. We offer both a first opinion and referral veterinary service in our state-of-the-art Hospital for Small Animals.

Our aim is to promote the health and well-being of all exotic animals and wildlife. Our staff, including RCVS and European recognised specialists, have been carefully selected to have the necessary qualities, clinical skills and qualifications to provide the best of care to our patients.

On a wider scale, our team promote the health and well-being of exotic animals and wildlife by presenting lectures both nationally and internationally, as well as publishing specialised books and contributing to scientific journals.

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies is a teaching veterinary school. Our practice takes great pride in educating our students in the veterinary care of exotic pet species, ensuring that future generations of veterinary surgeons are knowledgeable in this challenging field.

We also offer an advice service to veterinary surgeons in general practice to assist them with any complex or challenging cases.

Our Services

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Our state-of-the-art hospital allows us to offer a range of diagnostic techniques, including ultrasonography, echocardiography, radiography, video-otoscopy, video-endoscopy, laparoscopy and advanced imaging techniques such as computed tomography (CT, a 3D X-ray) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Our oncology (cancer) unit allows chemotherapy and radiation therapy options for affected patients and we are the only centre in Scotland performing radiation therapy on rabbit patients.

We are equipped with both an emergency team and intensive care unit with 24 hour nursing and veterinary care. When needed, our patients can be treated with constant rate fluid and analgesia infusions, oxygen therapy and nebulisation.

Endoscopy

Our fully equipped endoscopy suite is particularly useful for our avian and reptile species, allowing us to obtain high resolution images and tissue samples from inside the body cavity using a minimal incision site (usually less than 0.5cm). This type of 'keyhole' surgery reduces the need for invasive surgery and promotes recovery time.

Surgery

Surgical procedures are routinely performed by our service. This includes routine preventative procedures, such as neutering of mammal and reptile species and also necessary routine and emergency surgical treatments of all species.

We use a variety of specialist instruments to allow high precision surgery on all sizes of patients. A wide range of soft tissue and orthopaedic techniques are performed.



Hospitalisation

We have four wards tailored to the special requirements of our patients: Rabbit and Small Mammal Ward, Avian Ward, Reptile Ward and Wildlife Ward. We also have a secure grass paddock providing exercise and grazing to our herbivore patients and an enclosed outdoor pond for wildlife casualties.

Our small mammal patients are provided with hide boxes, litter trays, hay bedding, a familiar suitable diet and both a water bottle and bowl, in a dedicated quiet ward. Where possible, we encourage companion animals to stay, for company to the pet receiving treatment.

Reptile patients have thermostatically controlled vivariums, tortoise tables, or water tanks (species dependent), with UVB lighting, a suitable basking area, humidity box (species appropriate) and hide boxes.

For our bird species, our Avian Ward has individual booths each of which has its own specific temperature control, air supply and ventilation to give the birds their optimal environment and also prevent any spread of respiratory diseases. We also have large walk-in stalls and outdoor grazing suitable for our chicken patients.



Referrals

Routine referrals from vets in practice, can be seen throughout the week, with an emergency referral service being provided 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We also provide out of hours emergency care for our first opinion clients.

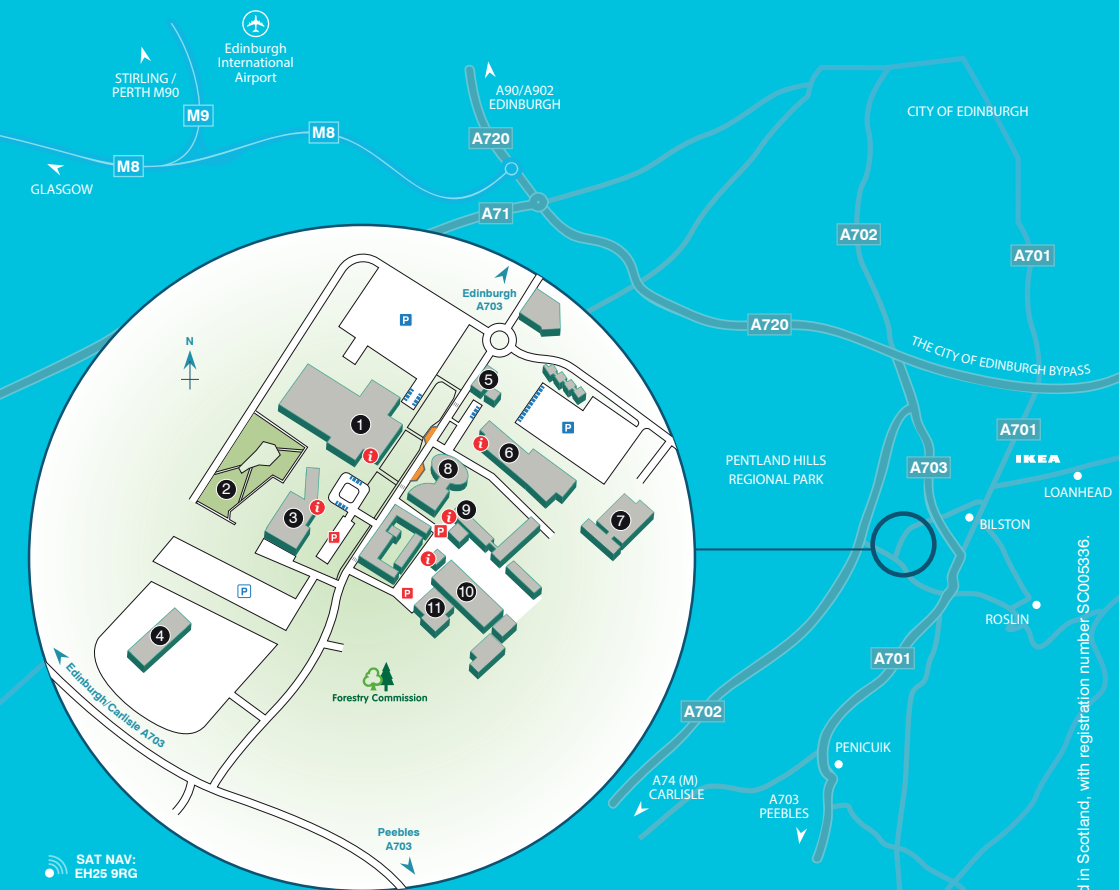
Patients seen by the Dick Vet Rabbit and Exotic Animal Practice benefit from input into case management from our dedicated team, as well as access within the hospital to specialist clinicians in other disciplines. This allows the medical and surgical aspects of each case to be fully considered, whilst still focusing on the exact needs of our exotic animals.



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1. Veterinary Teaching Building
2. Community Garden
3. **The Hospital for Small Animals and Riddell-Swan Veterinary Cancer Centre**
4. The Burnstead Building
5. Campus Service Centre

6. The Roslin Institute
7. The Greenwood Building
8. Campus Hub and Roslin Innovation Centre
9. Farm Animal Practice
10. Equine Hospital and Practice
11. Farm Animal Hospital

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- Bus stop
- Client parking
- Parking

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