

# Hospital for Small Animals

The Feline Clinic



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# Welcome to The Feline Clinic

The Feline Clinic is a division of the Internal Medicine Service at the Hospital for Small Animals. It consists of highly qualified specialists in small animal medicine and is expertly supported by a team of residents, interns and nurses. Our combined aim is simply to provide outstanding service and care to our patients, clients and referring veterinarians.

We believe in the importance of educating veterinary undergraduates in feline medicine by involving final year students fully in clinical cases. This includes the importance of cat friendly handling techniques and highlighting the species differences between feline and canine medical conditions.

The facilities at the Hospital for Small Animals are world-class and include state-of-the-art imaging and critical care suites. The team also has on-site support from specialists in soft-tissue surgery, diagnostic imaging, cardiology, oncology, dermatology, anaesthesia, orthopaedics and pathology. This support network allows us to deliver excellent care to cats who have a wide range of medical conditions.

We have been accredited as a 'Gold' standard 'Cat Friendly Clinic' by the International Society of Feline Medicine which recognises our facilities, knowledge and care.

# Why choose the Feline Clinic?

- International Society of Feline Medicine (ISFM) Certified Gold standard 'Cat Friendly Clinic'
- Senior staff who are Recognised Specialists in Veterinary Internal Medicine
- Separate feline ward
- Cases seen rapidly
- On-site clinical pathology and histopathology labs
- Video endoscopy, rhinoscopy and cystoscopy facilities
- Excellent hospital staff and facilities with full imaging, neurology, surgery, oncology and anaesthesia support
- 24 hour in-patient care, with a dedicated Intensive Care Unit
- I<sup>131</sup> Facility for hyperthyroidism

Common reasons for referral:

- Gastrointestinal disease
- Nasal discharge
- Urinary incontinence/dysuria
- Renal disease
- Liver disease
- Hyperthyroidism
- Unstable diabetes mellitus
- Haematological disorders
- Weight loss

## **Case advice**

The Feline Clinic is more than happy to discuss cases with referring vets who wish to continue managing a case in practice or are unsure if a referral is required.

### **Feline ward**

The feline ward is situated in a quiet part of the hospital, away from the noise of the canine patients. We have bespoke housing for cats in our feline ward including seven large “cattery-style” units with glass doors incorporating opaque panels for privacy. These give our longer-stay patients more space, and allow us to offer lots of different stimuli to play, as well as beds to suit the cat; including igloo beds or hide boxes. This mentally and physically stimulating environment allows our feline patients to relax during their stay in the hospital.

### **Case follow up**

We work closely with the referring vet and owner. The animal is discharged with details of their investigation, diagnosis and treatment plan to allow seamless continuity of care when the animal is next seen at your practice. We will contact the referring vet as soon as any awaited test results become available. Many cases require ongoing management, and this is often arranged in conjunction with your practice.

### **Arranging a referral**

We aim to make the referral process as quick and easy for you as possible. Referring vets make initial contact through our referral number **0131 650 7651**. Our reception staff will organise a prompt referral at a time to suit the owner. Urgent cases can be seen the same day where necessary.

A referral request form is available from our website at:

**[www.ed.ac.uk/vet/refer](http://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/refer)**.

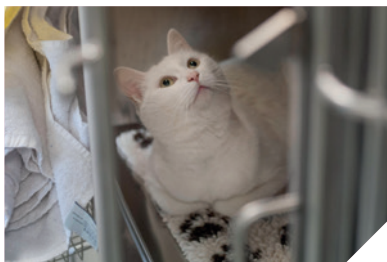
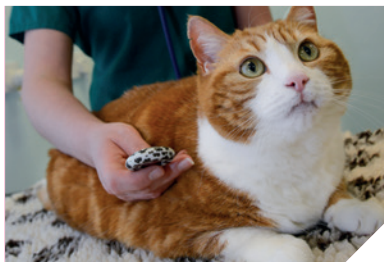
This can be emailed to: **[HfSAreception@ed.ac.uk](mailto:HfSAreception@ed.ac.uk)** or faxed **0131 650 7652** to our reception team.

### **I<sup>131</sup> Treatment for hyperthyroidism**

The Feline Clinic is one of only a few centres within the UK to offer radioactive therapy for hyperthyroid treatment. This is considered the “gold-standard” treatment for hyperthyroidism.

Recent studies have shown that on average, cats treated with radioiodine live longer than cats treated only with tablets. Treatment consists of a single injection given under the skin in the same way as a standard vaccine is given. The radioiodine is then taken up by the overactive thyroid gland.

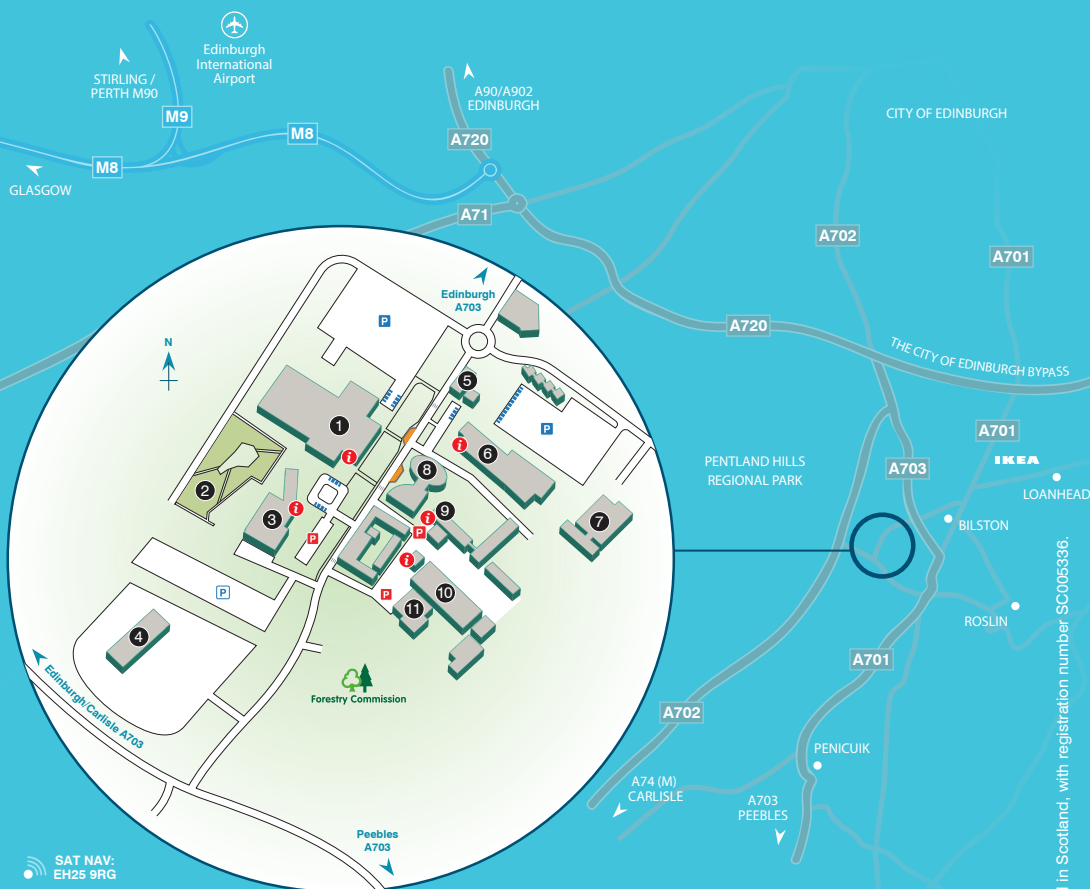
As cats are radioactive after this treatment, for the first three days they need to be in strict isolation, where they are checked three times per day. After this time they are moved to a standard walk-in house in cat ward until radioactivity has fallen to an acceptable level. This can vary according to the individual cat but the majority of cats can return home within 10 days, one of the shortest periods of hospitalisation within the UK. Please contact us for advice and an estimate if you wish to refer a cat for radioiodine treatment.



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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 Bumstead 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

- P Overflow parking
- Blue square Disabled parking
- i Main entrance & reception
- Bus icon Bus stop
- P (red) Client parking
- P (blue) Parking

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