

# Hospital for Small Animals

The Soft Tissue  
Surgery Service



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH  
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# Welcome to the Soft Tissue Surgery Service


We provide a specialist soft tissue referral service led by dedicated specialists in Soft Tissue Surgery, residents in training, our head surgery nurse and their team of dedicated surgical theatre and ward nurses. Our focus is on providing the best quality of patient care tailored to meet the individual needs of our patients and their owners. We work closely with our Anaesthesia, Emergency and Critical Care, Diagnostic Imaging, Oncology, Internal Medicine and Interventional Radiology services to provide the highest standard of integrated care. We provide cutting-edge surgery including the latest in keyhole surgery, thoracic surgery, ureterolith management and portosystemic shunt treatment.

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Clinical services that we offer include:

- Wound management and advanced reconstructive surgery
- Maxillectomy and mandibulectomy (in conjunction with our Oncology Service)
- General abdominal surgery
- Management of the acute abdomen
- Laryngeal paralysis
- Brachycephalic airway surgery
- Urolith management including ureteric bypass and minimally invasive bladder surgery
- Ectopic ureter surgery (re-implantation or laser ablation)
- Laparoscopic gastropexy
- Laparoscopic neutering (dog only) including cryptorchid castration
- General thoracic surgery including lung lobectomy, vascular ring anomaly, thymoma resection, body wall resection
- Cardiac surgery including PDA ligation and keyhole pericardiectomy co-ordinated through our Cardiology service





We work closely with our Oncology, Cardiology and Emergency and Critical Care specialists.

### **Emergency cases**

Contact our reception and we will co-ordinate seeing emergencies between the Emergency and Critical Care and Surgery teams.

### **Surgical oncology**

We provide a dedicated surgical oncology clinic staffed by one of our senior soft tissue surgeons that works alongside our medical and radiation oncologists. Owners have an initial consultation with the Oncology Service in the morning and, following case investigation, typically return in the afternoon to discuss surgery with the surgical oncologist prior to scheduling surgery the same week. All cancer patients should be referred through the Oncology Service which will co-ordinate surgical bookings.

### **Cardiac surgery**

Cases should be referred through the Cardiology Service which will co-ordinate surgical bookings.

### **Laparoscopic neutering**

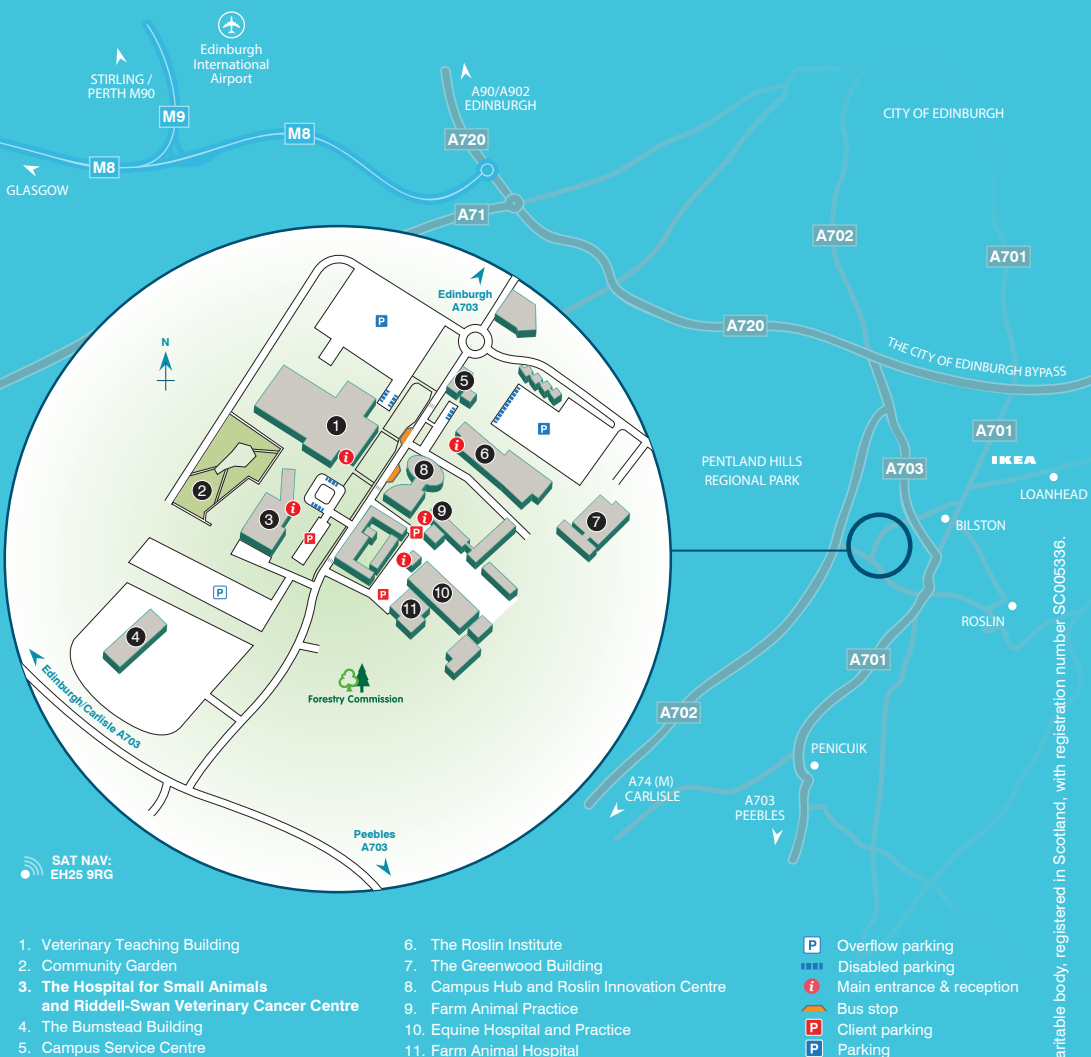
Please call our reception who can advise on our price structure and referral policy.



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