

X-RAY

When you place your pet(s) in our hands, you trust us to provide your pet with the best possible medical care. You expect us to provide you with advice, which will allow you to make the best possible decision for your pet.

Private medicine for pets can be perceived to be expensive. Veterinary medicine and surgery has advanced considerably over the last ten years and many more conditions are now treatable. What we aim to do is provide quality care that is value for money. In order to fulfil our commitment to you and your pet(s) we have created these notes to explain what is involved in your pets' care and explain where and how the costs are incurred.



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X-rays are used to investigate internal conditions affecting the chest, abdomen, pelvis, to confirm or rule out possible conditions, investigate spinal, leg and joint problems, head conditions including dental and ear disease. Hip dysplasia x-rays are used prior to mating bitches and dogs to grade the conformation of their hips. You will be asked to sign a form giving your consent to x-rays. This will be fully discussed with you at the time so that we obtain your informed consent. 99% of x-rays are performed under.....

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general anaesthesia, no matter how well trained your pet; they may be required to lie still in unusual positions. For Health and Safety reasons our team are not permitted to hold your pet during x-rays and wear monitors to assess their exposure to radiation. The facilities required for x-raying have to comply with stringent Health and Safety rules and as such are expensive to run and maintain. Lead screens apart from the area to be 'exposed' protect the team and your pet.

The positioning for x-rays is critical and the veterinary and nursing team are trained in radiography. The film taken is then developed and processed. After this the film is professionally interpreted and in some instances are referred to specialist veterinary radiologist.



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