

Thank you for your interest in becoming an ISFM accredited Cat Friendly Clinic.

Here's how it works:

1. Read all the information on the [Cat Friendly Clinic website](#)
 2. Prepare your clinic for accreditation by reading the '[Guide to creating a Cat Friendly Clinic](#)'.
 3. Use the [checklists](#) and/or read the full [criteria](#) to see if your clinic can become accredited.
 4. Confident that the clinic meets at least all the Foundation criteria? Then you can start the [application form](#)!
- N.B - To become accredited, the clinic must have ISFM Clinic Membership in place. Not a member yet? Sign up [HERE](#).
5. Nominate at least one Cat Advocate. Responsibilities of the Cat Advocate can be found [HERE](#).
 6. Complete the online [application form](#). You do not need to do this all in one go but remember to save as you go along so that you don't lose your progress.

As part of the process, you will need to upload photos or videos of your clinic. Be prepared by taking these in advance, you can upload up to 10 photos for each section. A full list can be found on the next pages.

Photos/videos required:

Cat Friendly interactions – to include at least one photo/video demonstrating handling of cats for procedures (e.g., blood sample collection, intravenous catheter placement or blood pressure measurement).

Waiting room – to include separation between cats and dogs, cat parking, covers for carriers etc. (Not required for mobile clinics where the consultation takes place within the client's home).

Consulting room – to include equipment used during the consultation including weighing scales and blood pressure machine. (Mobile clinics only need to provide images of the equipment).

Hospitalisation area – to include:

- The whole area where cats are hospitalised
- A cage set up with bedding, hiding, toys, food/water bowls, litter tray. If perching is provided, please include this too.
- Smallest cages used for hospitalising cats up to 24hrs, including a measure clearly showing the internal height, width, and depth of the cage.
- Smallest cages used for hospitalising cats over 24hrs (if overnight/ weekend hospitalisation offered), including a measure clearly showing the internal height, width, and depth of the cage.
- Equipment used to administer intravenous fluids (e.g., syringe driver, fluid pump or burette)
- Isolation area including cages, if available in the clinic

(Not required for clinics which do not have any hospitalisation facilities).

Anaesthesia equipment – to include:

- Anaesthetic machine with vaporiser
- Oxygen supply
- Equipment to maintain body temperature/prevent hypothermia
- Endotracheal tubes and laryngoscope
- Monitoring equipment such as pulse oximeter, blood pressure machine, multiparameter monitors, oesophageal stethoscope, if available.
- A cat under general anaesthesia demonstrating the use of the equipment
(Not required for clinics which do not have anaesthesia facilities)

Operating area (Not required for clinics which do not have surgery facilities)**Dental equipment to include:**

- Manual tools (e.g., scalers, curettes, luxators)
- Electronic equipment (e.g., ultrasonic and high-speed air driven units) if available
- Dental x-ray (machine and intra-oral cassettes/probes) if available
(Not required for clinics which do not have anaesthesia facilities)

Diagnostic imaging equipment – to include:

- X-ray machine
- Cassettes, troughs, sandbags, lead aprons etc
- Ultrasound machine, if available
(Not required for clinics which do not have imaging facilities)

Laboratory equipment – to include:

- Blood glucose testing
- Urine strips
- Refractometer
- Equipment for making blood/fluid smears and tissue impressions
- Microscope, if available
- Centrifuge, if available
- Stains, if available
- Electrolyte measurement, if available

Floor plan of the clinic