Bronze  □ If the clinic does not have hospitalisation facilities, there must be an arrangement with another local clinic to hospitalise cats

Silver  □ If the clinic has hospitalisation facilities, these must meet the following requirements:

□ A dedicated hospitalisation ward with cages which are:
  □ In good condition, hygienic and easily cleaned
  □ Secure and escape proof
  □ Constructed of non-permeable material with a solid opaque floor
  □ Have walls and ceiling that are solid and opaque, or a cover used if the walls/ceiling are mesh or bars

□ Written cleaning/disinfection protocols
□ Cages which do not face each other or adjoin at an angle less than 180°
□ Noise and personnel minimised
□ Clear identification of cats
□ Dogs and cats separated as far as possible
□ Visual contact between dogs and cats minimised
□ Cats hospitalised overnight or longer must have observations recorded at least once daily

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- Inform owners on the level of overnight supervision
- Cages must include:
  - Litter tray
  - Comfortable soft bedding
  - Somewhere for the cat to hide
  - A variety of toys (if appropriate)
- Facilities for washing/disinfection
- Facilities to maintain body temperature
- Facilities to provide supplemental oxygen
- Facilities to bathe, dry, and groom hospitalised cats
- A range of different foods and food bowls
- A range of different IV fluids, administration sets and catheters
- Ability to administer controlled quantities of fluids

Cages with internal measurements of at least:

- 2700 cm² floor area and 39 cm height for cats hospitalised up to 24 hours
- 3600 cm² floor area, and 55 cm height for cats hospitalised over 24 hours

- When cats are transferred to another clinic for overnight/weekend care, cages and facilities in the other clinic must also meet all of the above criteria

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**ALL of the above criteria PLUS:**

- All cats requiring hospitalisation must remain at the clinic. Transferring to another clinic for overnight/weekend care is not permitted
- A quiet, calm cat-only hospitalisation ward:
  - Physically separated from a dog ward by a complete, solid wall
  - With adequate lighting, ventilation and temperature control
- Ability to prepare and refrigerate foods
- Food storage and preparation area separate from washing/disinfection facilities
- Facilities to wash/disinfect food bowls separate to those for litter trays
- Calculate caloric requirements of all cats hospitalised for ≥24 hours, and food intake monitored
- Ability to administer controlled quantities of IV fluids by using an electronic device such as a fluid pump or syringe driver

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Cages must have solid opaque floors, walls and ceilings

The ability for cats to perch as well as hide in the cage

Cages with dimensions of at least:

- 3600 cm² floor area and 55 cm height for cats hospitalised up to 24 hours
- 6300 cm² floor area, and 55 cm height for cats hospitalised over 24 hours

Facilities to isolate a cat with a contagious disease;

- Separate, contained area away from other cats, with clear signage
- If cages with mesh sides and/or tops are used, an impermeable cover that is easily cleaned and disinfected must be used over all areas except the front of the cage
- A written policy on managing isolated cats including waste disposal, protective clothing and disinfection procedures