



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