



**Cat
Friendly
Clinic**

Gold Checklist

To allow the clinic to be accredited at Gold level, **ALL** of the Bronze and Silver level criteria (see separate documents) **AND ALL** of the following criteria must be met:

1. Hospitalisation:

- 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
 - The 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



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- Ability to administer controlled quantities of IV fluids by using an electronic device such as a fluid pump or syringe driver
- Cages must have solid opaque floors, walls and ceilings
- The ability for cats to perch as well as hide in the cage
- Cages with internal dimensions of at least:
 - 3600 cm² floor area and 39 cm height for cats hospitalised up to 24 hours
 - 6300 cm² floor area, and 55 cm height for cats hospitalised over 24 hours
- There must be facilities to isolate cats:
 - 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



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2. Surgery:

- The clinic must have a dedicated operating theatre available for conduct of sterile surgery with:
 - Easily cleaned surfaces
 - A written procedure for cleaning and disinfection
 - Scrub facilities separate from ward cleaning facilities
 - Equipment suitable for illumination of surgical sites
 - Operating table constructed of non-permeable material
 - Equipment for surgical procedures +/- radiography only
 - A means of displaying radiographs
- Clipping of patients prior to surgery is not performed in the operating theatre

3. Diagnostic Imaging:

- Radiography must be available in the clinic and meet all of the Bronze criteria



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4. Dentistry:

- Facilities to scale, polish and section teeth, and to perform extractions
- Dental radiography capabilities
- Full mouth dental radiographs offered with every dental procedure
- Pre- and post- extraction radiographs offered with all dental extractions
- Dental procedures never performed in the operating theatre

5. Laboratory:

- In-house facilities for:
 - Measurement of blood electrolytes including Sodium, Potassium and Calcium
 - Measurement of blood urea, creatinine, and total protein
 - Staining slides (e.g., Diff Quik, Sedistain etc.) of blood, fluid, tissue and urine