Silver Checklist

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

1. Waiting Room:
   - The waiting room must be either:
     - A cat-only waiting room
     - OR
     - A cat-only waiting area separated with sight barriers

2. Hospitalisation:
   - The clinic must have 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
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
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☐ Cages with internal dimensions 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

3. Anaesthesia:

☐ The clinic must have facilities to induce/maintain anaesthesia including:
  ☐ Equipment to administer oxygen, provide resuscitation and maintain body temperature
  ☐ A range of appropriate endotracheal tubes
  ☐ A suitable laryngoscope and topical laryngeal local anaesthetic
  ☐ Equipment regularly serviced and maintained in good working order
4. Surgery:

☐ The clinic must have facilities to perform surgical procedures, these must meet all of the following:

☐ Equipment regularly serviced and maintained in good working order

☐ A range of suitable surgical packs, sutures and sterile instruments

☐ Suitable cleaning and sterilisation facilities for surgical equipment and instruments

☐ Sterile gowns and gloves

☐ Appropriate sterilisation indicators used on all packs

Sterile packs dated, and a policy for re-sterilisation of older unused packs
5. Diagnostic Imaging:

- Radiography must be available in the clinic and include:
  - A range of cassettes suitable for cats and kittens
  - A radiography machine with a light beam diaphragm
  - Sufficient provision for non-human restraint to allow radiography without manual restraint

- Radiography records to include:
  - Patient details and area being radiographed
  - Details of exposure(s) and film(s), cassette(s) or other equipment used
  - Names of people present

- Ultrasound equipment must either be available at the clinic, or arrangements must be in place to have easy access to ultrasound nearby when necessary
6. Dentistry:

☐ The clinic must have facilities to perform dental procedures including:

☐ Equipment regularly serviced and maintained in good working order

☐ A selection of scalers, curettes, periodontal probes, elevators and/or luxators suitable for feline use

☐ Dental instruments must be sharp and properly maintained

☐ Each patient must have its own sterile periodontal/oral surgery pack of instruments

☐ Proper dental records and charts maintained

7. Laboratory:

☐ The clinic must have:

☐ Good quality clinical microscope

☐ Centrifuge to assess PCV, separate blood, and sediment urine samples

☐ Undertake regular quality control checks for in-house equipment