

# 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



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- 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 cm<sup>2</sup> floor area and 39 cm height for cats hospitalised up to 24 hours
  - 3600 cm<sup>2</sup> 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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