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 55 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
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
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