



# Cedar Grove

VETERINARY CLINIC

## REFERRAL SERVICES



Cedar Grove Veterinary Clinic has been established for over 60 years and is one of the leading small animal veterinary clinics in Northern Ireland.



Cedar Grove provides an excellent referral service, offering the highest standards of veterinary care. With continued investment in our facilities and our highly qualified and skilled veterinary team, our referral service has developed significantly and provides an expanding range of services.



- Highly skilled veterinary team with a range of post-graduate qualifications
- 24-hour in-house nursing care and intensive care facilities
- Open 365 days per year
- Member of RSA Preferred Veterinary Network



We have a well-established history of providing a referral service to other veterinary practices across Ireland. We can manage and treat many complex cases at the practice requiring additional expertise, equipment, as well as intensive care.

Many of our veterinary surgeons have additional qualifications, and all staff undertake additional training in their special interest areas. Our nursing team provide 24-hour care to our inpatients, a service that is vital in the management of our more critical patients.

We regularly maintain and upgrade our equipment using the latest technology. Our practice boasts both MRI and CT scanning with Cedar Grove being one of only a small number of practices in the country having these facilities.



## Referral services on offer

### ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

- Cruciate surgery to include Tibial Tuberosity Advancement, Cranial Closing Wedge Osteotomy and Tibial Plateau Levelling Osteotomy
- Complex fracture repairs
- Arthroscopy
- Investigation of lameness
- Joint Arthrodesis
- Joint disease investigation

### SOFT TISSUE SURGERY

Extensive range of soft tissue surgery to include:

- Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome
- Laryngeal Paralysis
- Total ear canal ablation and bulla osteotomy
- Eyelid and corneal surgery
- Wound reconstruction

### NEUROLOGY

MRI is the gold standard for brain and spinal cord investigation

- Myelography and CSF analysis
- Spinal surgery – laminectomy, ventral slot, Wobblers surgery
- Investigation of seizures
- Lumbosacral Disease

### DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

- Digital Radiography
- Ultrasonography
- MRI
- CT
- Endoscopy

### INTERNAL MEDICINE

- Investigation of vomiting, diarrhoea, weight loss
- Investigation of polyuria, polydypsia, proteinuria
- Hepatic, pancreatic, renal and bladder disease
- Investigation of Anaemia

## **SURGICAL REFERRALS:**

**Gilbert McKnight**  
BVMS MRCVS

**John Heatherington**  
MVB MRCVS Small  
Animal Surgical  
Certificate (ESVPS)

**Craig Ritchie**  
MVB, MRCVS, Cert AVP

**Philip Smyth**  
MVB, MRCVS,  
PG Cert SAS

## **MEDICAL REFERRALS:**

**Nuala O'Connor**  
MVB MRCVS

**Alison Love**  
MVB MRCVS



## **CARDIOLOGY AND RESPIRATORY DISEASE**

- Investigation and treatment of Cardiopulmonary Disease

Neil Walmsley MVB MRCVS Cert AVP  
(Veterinary Cardiology)

## **STEM CELL THERAPY**

Stem Cell therapy is an innovative treatment modality for a range of different conditions. Cedar Grove is among the few centres in the UK providing this treatment.

It is most commonly used in the treatment of osteoarthritis and has also been shown to have great benefits in the treatment of other conditions such as allergic skin disease, degenerate myelopathy, feline gingivitis and auto-immune disease plus a range of other chronic conditions.

## **MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY**

- Key hole/laparoscopic surgery/investigations
- Ovariectomy/ovariohysterectomy
- Liver biopsy
- Bowel biopsy
- Cystotomy
- Endoscopy including endoscopic biopsy

# CT scanner investment

We have recently installed a *SOMATOM go*. Now made by Siemens, representing the latest technology in veterinary CT. The software which runs both the image generation and post scan editing is amongst the most advanced and gives a fantastic level of detail while still being a relatively simple and intuitive system to operate.

At Cedar Grove we have always been very proactive in maintaining the highest levels of equipment and diagnostic tools to allow us to give our clients and their pets the best care. We have had an MRI scanner at the clinic since 2014 as well as having advanced x-ray and ultrasonography equipment.

The CT machine provides additional capability to allow us to confidently diagnose the maximum range of conditions across all organ systems, with our comprehensive range of diagnostic tools. We firmly believe that these tools work synergistically to give our clients and their pets the highest levels of care and optimised clinical outcomes.

We can scrutinise many of the more complicated joints of the body and detect a vast range of conditions and problems at an early stage, meaning we can address these conditions and make a greater difference.

When dealing with neurology and spinal cases, the CT is invaluable as a screening tool to locate spinal disease. In many cases, the CT can tell us all we need to know to progress to the next stage of treatment. In cases where additional detail is required to further progress the case, we are privileged to be one of the few practices in Ireland to have on site MRI capability to help unravel the most challenging cases.

The CT machine also adds a huge range of capability in detection and diagnosis of abdominal conditions ranging from portosystemic shunt diagnosis, to ectopic ureter detection and detection and staging of neoplasia cases.

Another great advantage of CT is the vast level of information we can get in a short time frame with little sedation and in a minimally invasive way. We can quickly survey our trauma and acutely ill patients with limited risk allowing us to make life saving decisions for patients within a matter of minutes of them arriving at the clinic.





## Advanced facilities and care for your patients

- 24-hour veterinary nursing care supervision.
- Standard anaesthetic monitoring equipment includes ECG, Capnography, Pulse Oximeter, Temperature Monitoring and Blood pressure.
- Intensive care facilities allow us to manage critical medical and surgical cases 24 hours per day.
- Isolation ward is a stand alone unit where we hospitalise patients with infectious disease.

# Refer a case

If you would like to discuss a case or refer a patient urgently, please call us on **02890 798457**

Alternatively please complete the referral form located on our website [cedargrovetvets.com](http://cedargrovetvets.com) or email [enquiries@cedargrovetvets.com](mailto:enquiries@cedargrovetvets.com)

## HOW TO FIND US

132 Upper Knockbreda Road, Belfast, BT6 9QB

## OPENING TIMES

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| Monday    | 08:30 – 19:30 |
| Tuesday   | 08:30 – 19:30 |
| Wednesday | 08:30 – 19:30 |
| Thursday  | 08:30 – 19:30 |
| Friday    | 08:30 – 19:30 |
| Saturday  | 08:30 – 16:00 |
| Sunday    | 09:30 – 12:30 |



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