

# £400

(Prices correct at  
time of publication)

## FELINE HEART/ HCM CLINIC



Our cat heart/ HCM (Feline Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy) clinic is here to provide a fixed priced solution to aid diagnosis of heart disease in asymptomatic cats. Any cat without clinical signs is eligible.

### About our clinic

Early diagnosis of heart disease in cat is important as treatment may prevent some complications and time spent in hospital may be reduced. Silent heart disease is common in cats, and we estimate as much as 1 in 8 cats in the UK are affected, with approximately 1/3 of these cats will develop clinical heart disease.

Early diagnosis in cats is very challenging, as physical examination is often insensitive for detecting cardiomyopathies, and equally blood tests looking at heart biomarkers may be difficult to interpret.

Echocardiography is the best screening tool to detect heart disease in cats, however, owners may find it difficult to justify paying for a full cardiology referral in a very healthy looking cat.

Our heart/HCM screening clinic can help, by providing an affordable screening tool for referring vets to use.

## Which cats might benefit?

- Asymptomatic cats with heart murmur and/or gallop sounds detected
- Asymptomatic older cats that require general anaesthesia (e.g. for dental disease)
- Sibling was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy or there is a history of sudden death in the family
- Cat prior receiving steroid or intravenous fluid therapy

## Eligibility

- They are not showing any clinical signs
- Do not knowingly have hyperthyroidism and/or systemic hypertension

## How the clinic runs

Cats booked for our cat clinic day will be admitted by one of our nursing team in the morning. An echocardiographic examination will be performed by one of our cardiologists.

Cats will be ready to go home in the afternoon with an echo report, which will also be sent to the referring vet. If there are abnormal findings, then our cardiologist will discuss those with the owner at time of collect.

## Prices

Our feline hert/ HCM clinic is charged at a fixed price of £400

## Referring a case

To refer a patient, please scan the QR code or visit our website [scvetspecialists.co.uk](http://scvetspecialists.co.uk) and complete our simple, online form.



If you have any questions about our clinic, please don't hesitate to reach out to our friendly team on 01425 485615 or by emailing [admin@scvetspecialists.co.uk](mailto:admin@scvetspecialists.co.uk)