



CAIN VETERINARY CENTRE

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FACILITIES

- High Powered X ray Facility
- State of the Art Colour Flow Doppler Ultrasound Scanner
- Blood test Analyser
- ECG machine
- Endoscopes
- Full Hospitalisation Facilities
- Dedicated Aseptic operating theatre
- Advanced Anaesthetic Monitoring
- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Full Dental Healthcare facilities
- "ASIF" Orthopaedic Equipment – as recommended by the specialists
- Qualified Nurses

We have a special interest and advanced training in:-

- ◆ Cardiology
- ◆ Diagnostic imaging

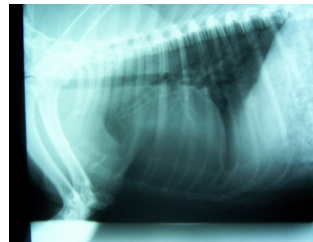
We are also happy to accept referrals from other practices in these fields

'Mowgli' the labrador - a true survivor after heart surgery!



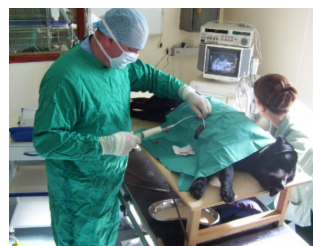
There are some patients who just melt your heart as soon as you meet them, and 'Mowgli' is definitely one of them. Mowgli, a 3 year old labrador was seen one Friday night simply because he had become a bit lethargic over the previous few days, and his owner had noted that he had become a bit pot-bellied.

These symptoms sound fairly innocuous, but in fact, they were indicative of something more sinister. A heart scan, chest X rays and ECG revealed that 'Mowgli' had a rare life threatening pericardial effusion (build up of fluid in the bag surrounding the heart which interferes with heart function).



Enlarged heart shadow on chest x-ray

The treatment for this involves guiding a needle through the chest wall and into the bag surrounding the heart and draining off the fluid. This was done with the aid of our ultrasound and ECG machines .



Pericardiocentesis guided by ultrasound

Pericardiocentesis can be curative in a lot of cases, but when the fluid repeatedly builds up, then only cure is to open the chest and operate on the heart. In 'Mowgli's' case, this is exactly what was done when we referred him to one of the country's top cardiologists at the Veterinary Cardio-respiratory Centre in Kenilworth.

'Mowgli' has now made a full recovery from his heart surgery and will be able to lead a normal life. In our eyes, he is a true survivor, and a star!

As you may guess, such specialised procedures do not come cheap— and 'Mowgli' was not insured. Need we say any more?

Pet Insurance: is your pet covered?

VETERINARY medicine has, in recent years, become increasingly sophisticated. As a result, we are now able to diagnose and treat many conditions which— just a few years ago— were untreatable. Each year on average, 1 in 3 pets suffer ill-

ness or injury, so unexpected veterinary bills can, unfortunately occur at any time! Pet insurance gives you the peace of mind that should your pet develop a problem, he can receive the treatment he requires without *you* having to worry

about the cost. **CAIN VETERINARY CENTRE** wholeheartedly recommends the concept of pet insurance. If you would like further advice, then please ask to see one of the nurses. We are able to set up a policy for you from here if required!

Operating Facilities— our standards

When this practice was set up, we agreed that we would have operating facilities second to none, and we would apply standards second to none.

- ◆ All operations are carried out under strict aseptic conditions, and the surgeon wears scrubs, hat, mask and gloves. This is not standard in every veterinary practice!
- ◆ Access to the operating theatre is strictly controlled to maintain asepsis.
- ◆ We are using THE best , and THE safest anaesthetics that money can buy.

- ◆ All patients under anaesthetic are monitored by trained staff backed up by some of the most up to date monitoring equipment available. We can monitor
 - ◆ ECG
 - ◆ Blood % oxygen
 - ◆ Inspired and expired gases
 - ◆ Blood pressure
 - ◆ Core body temperature
 - ◆ Respiratory and heart rate.

Your pet's life is in our hands— we don't ever forget this!



Worming your pet— are you doing it properly?

Owing to human health risks associated with *Toxocara Canis*, the policy of this practice is to recommend that all adult dogs are wormed every 3 months for roundworms in line with British Small Animal Veterinary Association advice!

Always buy your wormer from your vet— it works! - and comes with free advice on correct use and

dosage— and according to our own research is often cheaper than so called over the counter or off the shelf alternatives. **Don't take the risk— DO IT PROPERLY!!!**

Special Offer:- buy 4 doses Drontal — get your next dose free!



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