

## Client Information Sheet - Veterinary Cardiology Appointment

Thank you for choosing Veterinary Specialists Scotland for your pet's care. To help you prepare for your upcoming appointment, please review the following important information:

**Appointment Duration:** Please allow approximately 30-45 minutes for the initial cardiology consultation.

### Cardiology Assessment – what it entails:

- A detailed history will be taken regarding your pet's concerns
- A physical examination will be performed
- The most likely diagnosis based on the physical examination will be discussed
- A diagnostic plan will be created based on these findings
- If you agree, we will go ahead with the planned diagnostics and if your pet is well, they will return home the same day

### Initial costs:

- Currently we have an initial cardiac assessment fee which costs £930. This can include the initial consultation, echocardiography (heart scan), blood pressure measurement, blood test (biochemistry and electrolytes) to the health of your pet's other organs, an electrocardiogram (ECG) to check your pet's heart rhythm if necessary, and day ward fees.
- This cardiac assessment will be suitable for most pets, especially if they do not have symptoms

### Additional Costs:

- Any treatments, medications, or further procedures (e.g. other blood tests, chest radiographs, 24-hour ECG etc) recommended during the appointment are not included in the initial cardiac assessment fee.
- These will be discussed with you at the time so that you can make an informed decision.

### Important: Feeding Information

- The cardiac assessment is done with your pet awake and is usually very well tolerated. In the rare cases that they do not tolerate it, we may need to give medications to calm them, or even sedate them.
- Please do not feed your pet after midnight before the appointment. Water should be left down until an hour prior to the appointment unless otherwise advised.

If you have any questions or if your pet has special requirements (e.g. specific medication schedules, diabetes), please contact us before the appointment so we can make any necessary accommodations.

Our Cardiologists, Anne and Ana Maria, look forward to meeting you and helping your pet.

Kind regards,  
Client Care Team

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