



## Radioiodine Update April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

We are unfortunately unable to accept any new referrals for feline radioactive iodine treatment. In the last 18 months there have been issues with production and supply of radioiodine affecting human and veterinary hospitals alike. Our supplier has announced today that they will stop production of injectable radioiodine at the end of June. At this time there are no alternative manufacturers or suppliers. Our aim will be to treat those cats that have already undergone assessment and are awaiting treatment in this remaining period.

The radioiodine team at Langford Vets is working with the European Society of Veterinary Endocrinologists to investigate alternative solutions for the future, however this is likely to take some time. We are very disappointed to be in this situation after successfully treating hundreds of hyperthyroid cats. We are keen to continue to help with your hyperthyroid patients and are able to offer the following services

- **Teleconsultation with the medicine team**
  - We can review the cat's history holistically and discuss treatment options available in the mid and longer-term future for hyperthyroidism, as well as management of hyperthyroid related complications
  - Cost £215
  
- **Referral for thyroidectomy**
  - Combined specialist feline medicine and soft tissue surgery package
  - We will start this with an assessment with our feline medicine team to ensure the cat is as stable as possible and ready for surgery. This will include taking a medical history (by teleconsult), physical examination, blood tests, blood pressure measurement, urinalysis and echocardiography (heart scan)
  - Anaesthesia (specialist led) and surgery including pre-operative thyroid ultrasound scan
  - Hospitalisation in our ISFM Gold Standard Cat Friendly wards and intensive care unit
  - Package cost for cats with
    - unilateral disease £4000 inc. VAT
    - bilateral disease £5000 inc. VAT to include up to 7days hospitalisation (with initial ICU care) if stabilisation and management of iatrogenic hypoparathyroidism is required (low calcium levels).
  
- **Advice for referring vets**

Please let us know if you have any further questions and do not hesitate to contact us on 0117 394 0513 or via email at [sah@langfordvets.co.uk](mailto:sah@langfordvets.co.uk)



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**Referral link:** <https://www.langfordvets.co.uk/small-animal-referral-hospital/referrals/>.

Prices correct as at 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023, these are indicative and subject to change.

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