



Welcome to the Small Animal Referral Hospital our reception team will have contacted you to arrange an appointment with our Brachycephalic Clinic Team. Your appointment date and time will have been confirmed in an email shortly after booking.

Please find below your pre-appointment check list:

- ✓ **Bring any medication (in the original labelled packaging) or specific diets your pet is currently receiving.**
- ✓ **If your pet is insured, please bring your policy documents and a claim form.**

Listed below is some additional information that will be useful for your visit:

- The consultation will usually last between 60-90 minutes.
- Any costs for investigation or treatment will be discussed in your consultation (see summary of breakdown cost below).
- As we are a teaching hospital, final year veterinary students will take part in the consultation under appropriate supervision.
- We can manage direct claims for pet insurance, please note this incurs a £25 admin fee.
- Attached are some further details including a map and local information.
- A period of medical management at home will then be required prior to a return visit for surgery to be carried out.

If you are unable to attend this appointment or have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0117 394 0513.

Thank you for choosing Langford Vets. We look forward to welcoming you and your pet to the Small Animal Referral Hospital.

Kind Regards,

The Small Animal Hospital Reception Team

Please note: Payment will be expected in full at the time of discharge. For insured pets the excess will be required in full on admit. Currently payment plans are not available.

With incidents of fraud on the increase, Langford Vets would like to reassure you that we will never ask you to make a payment over the telephone without you receiving an invoice for your pet's treatment first. If you receive an unexpected call from Langford Vets requesting payment and you have not received an invoice, please get in touch with us before making a payment over the phone. You can call us back on **0117 394 0513** option 1, to check that it is really us calling if you are ever unsure about a phone call you have received.

Prices include VAT and correct as at 01/08/23, these are indicative and subject to change

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You have been referred to the Brachycephalic (BOAS) clinic at Langford Vets

What can I expect at my BOAS Clinic appointment?

- The initial appointment involves a consultation with a Soft Tissue Surgery Specialist Vet. It usually takes around 60-90 minutes and is either performed via Zoom, or we can arrange to see you face-to-face if you prefer. We often find that the dogs can be much more relaxed in their home environment. Please let us know when booking if you would prefer to be seen in person.
- During your consultation, the vet will assess your pet and discuss with you some medical management strategies to stabilise your pet prior to any BOAS surgery. This stabilisation is vital to improve the safety of the anaesthetic.
- This consultation costs £320

How will my pet be assessed?

- We can gather the information we need during the Zoom consultation. It is helpful if we are able to see your dog from above, the side and a close-up of the face, and so using a device such as a phone/tablet can make this easier.

How do I make the most out of my consultation?

- It is worthwhile to dedicate some time to the consultation without distractions, as much of the benefit for the patient is from management advice for you to perform at home prior to surgery. Sometimes this can be so successful that surgery can be avoided completely.
- It is helpful to have as many members of the family present as possible, to make sure all the patient's carers are getting the information they need to help.
- We will provide a summary of the medical management strategies to follow at home at the end of the consultation.

Will my dog need any further investigations?

In some cases, after the consultation appointment, we may recommend a 'swallow study' to investigate reflux / regurgitation. **This will need to be before any BOAS surgery is performed.**

- This requires a visit to Langford as a day patient and can be performed whilst you wait; we feed the patient food mixed with a contrast agent and watch it being swallowed with a live x-ray machine.
- No sedation or anaesthetic is required.
- Some dogs decline to eat for us and so it is not possible to get results in every patient. Bringing a portion of food with you and ensuring that they are hungry can help (so no breakfast on the day please).

Will my dog need BOAS surgery?

Not all dogs require BOAS surgery, we will discuss this with you during your consultation, you will have plenty of time and support to make a decision that feels right for both you and your dog.

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- Only after the period of medical management, if BOAS surgery is appropriate, a follow up tele-consult appointment will be organised with a dedicated BOAS Clinic Nurse.
- They will help to ensure that appropriate pre-op stabilisation has been achieved and make any changes necessary to help to minimise the anaesthetic risk prior to surgery.
- They will also answer any questions that you might have about the surgery/follow up care plus book in any further investigations (if required).
- All supportive follow up phone calls with the clinic nurses are included in the cost of the consultation.
- BOAS surgery booking can be discussed with the BOAS Nurse at this point.
- This consultation costs £120

The BOAS surgery appointment:

- The surgery appointment is usually on a Monday; patients are admitted between 8.30am and 10am and are usually discharged home between 2pm to 4pm the same day.
- If required, the BOAS Nurse may be in contact following the surgery to support you postoperatively. All supportive follow up phone calls with the clinic nurses are included in the cost.
- Follow up appointments (usually at 2-, 10- and 30-days post-op) will be required but can be carried out at your own local vet.
- Routine BOAS surgery costs £3700

Summary of Cost Breakdown:

BOAS Assessment Consultation £320

BOAS Nurse Tele-consultation £120

BOAS Swallow Study (if req) £300

BOAS Surgery (if req) including all follow up calls with nurse £3700

As a referral hospital we welcome our clients and patients to wait in our reception area. We would like to ensure all our canine patients have a safe and happy experience therefore we ask all clients to be mindful of other patients and allow distance and space between other canine friends. You are more than welcome to wait in the car park with your pet if you feel they would prefer this - just let our team know on your arrival. We politely ask that all dogs are kept on a lead during their visit, if you do not have one, please speak to reception and we can provide one for you.

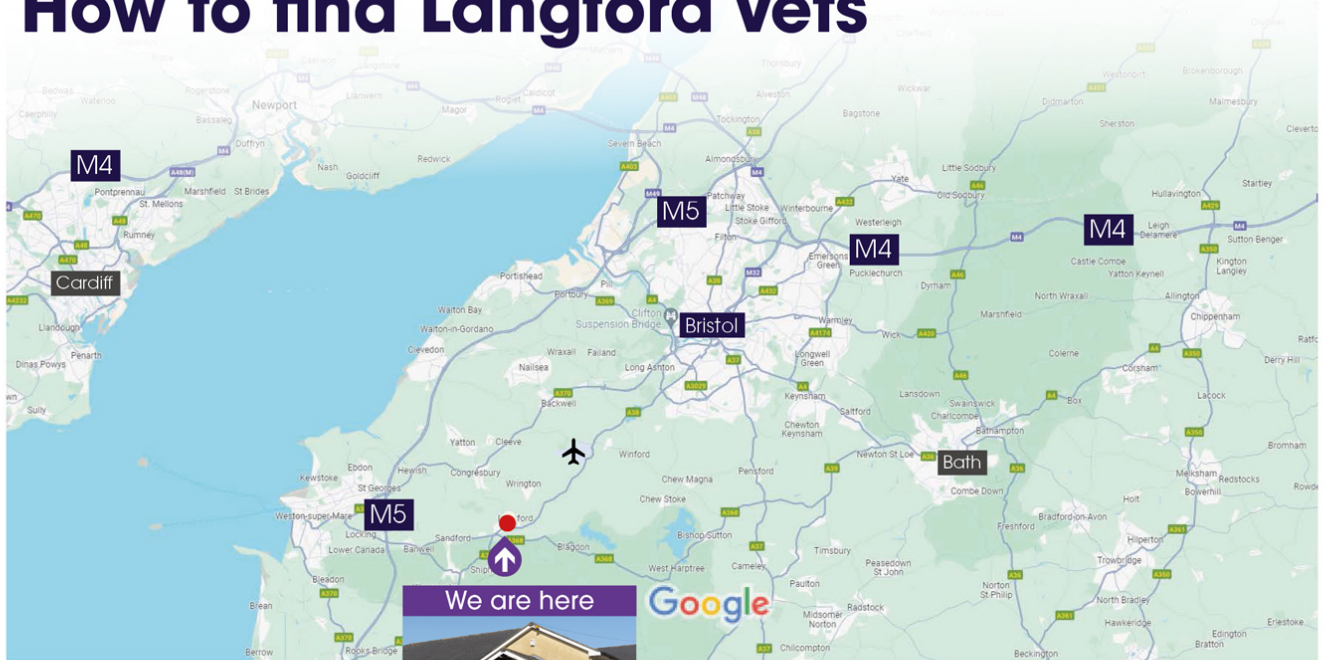
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How to find Langford Vets



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Langford Vets are situated 6 miles south of Bristol Airport.

From the M5 Motorway

We suggest following these routes, sat nav may direct you off at another junction but for speed and ease of journey we recommend J21 and J22.

Northbound

Exit at junction 22, taking the A38 to Bristol Airport. Pass through Churchill and turn left towards the B3133 signposted Lower Langford and Congresbury. Take the first exit onto the B3133. Langford House is about 0.3 miles on the right. **This is the recommended route if travelling with a large vehicle or caravan.**

Southbound

Exit at Junction 21, taking the A370 signposted Bristol. In Congresbury turn right at the first set of traffic lights and follow the B3133 signposted Cheddar and Churchill. Langford House is about 3 miles on the left.

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Langford House
Langford
Bristol**

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Tel: 0117 394 0513

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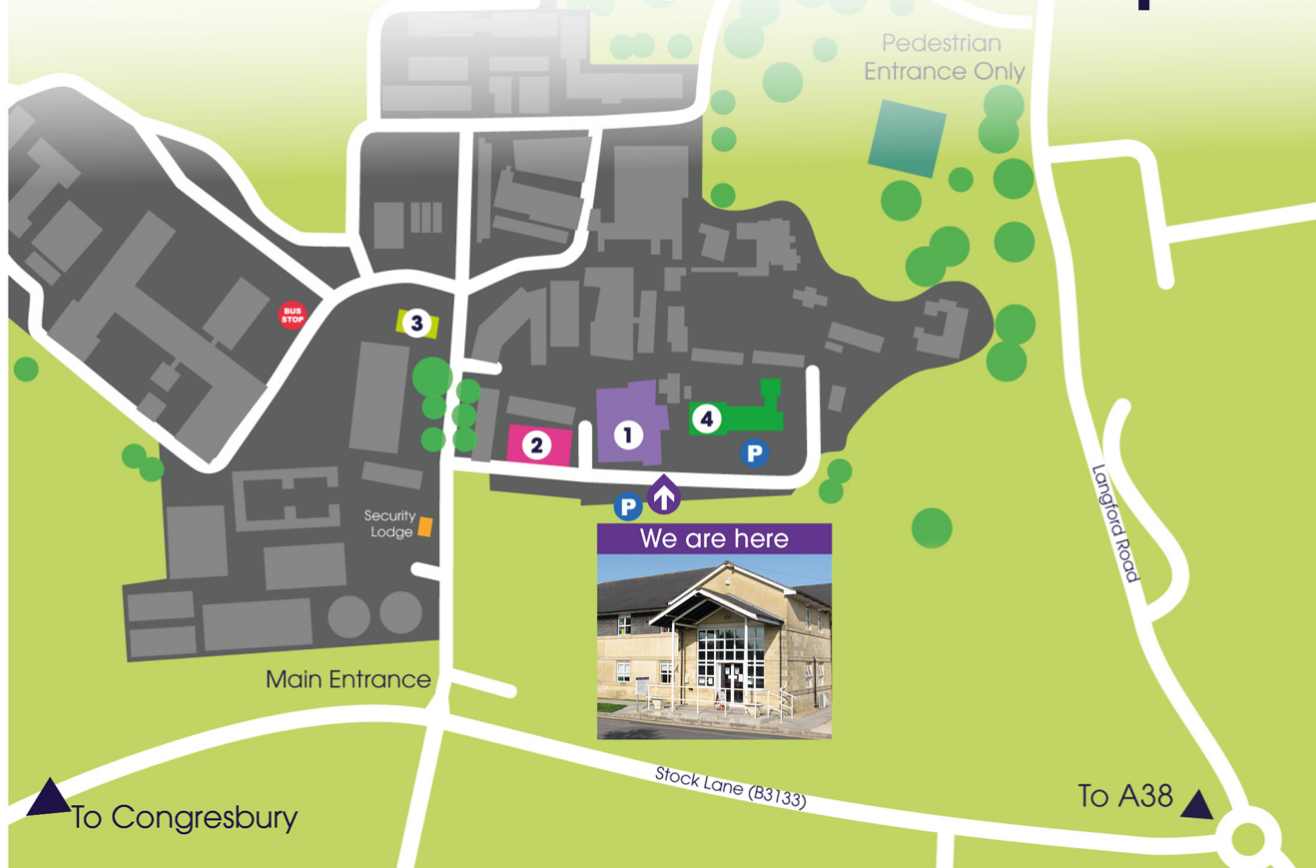
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How to find the Small Animal Hospital



The Small Animal Referral Hospital can be found at number 1. on the map above.

On entering the site you will pass the security gate, which will open during office hours. Take the first turning on the right after the security gate and the Small Animal Hospital is the **third building on your left.**

Parking

Plenty of free parking is available at the front of the hospital, please use bays 1-20 if possible. If you need help to bring your pet in from the car the reception team would be happy to arrange for assistance.

Out of Hours

If you are arriving out of hours please use the number above or the telephone to the left of the front door to let us know you have arrived.

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Tel: 0117 394 0513



Cafe

The Source Cafe can be found at number 4 on the map above and is open to visitors for food and drinks if you arrive early or have to wait while your pet is having investigations. Feel free to bring your refillable cups as we are working hard to be more sustainable.

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Insurance claims

Please make sure you have read your full insurance policy schedule before attending your appointment



We're here to help guide you through the process of making an insurance claim

If you are paying for your pet's treatment through insurance, then you need to liaise closely with your insurance provider throughout your pet's treatment. You should be aware of the terms and conditions of your policy and let us know if there are limitations.

When you attend the hospital with your pet, please make sure you bring the following:

- Insurance Claim Form
- Your policy document

Referrals

- Your insurance company will require a claim and medical history from the practice that referred your animal to us
- Some insurance companies will not process our claim until they have received the claim and medical history from the referring practice. It is therefore important that you ensure your referring practice has submitted their claim form to your insurance company.

Excess

This is a payment which must be paid by you, regardless of whether you are making an Indirect or Direct claim.

- It is charged per condition
- If your policy runs into a new policy year whilst making a claim you may be required to pay another excess
- Some policies charge a percentage excess on the total of each claimed amount as well as a fixed excess

There are two main ways to claim through your insurance provider, indirect claim or direct claim.

Indirect claims

When your insurance company reimburses you

What we need from you

- Your treatments must be paid for before your claim can be processed
- No admin fee will be required from you for an indirect claim
- You must provide a claim form, or an email link from your insurance company
- Claim forms must have all relevant policyholder sections completed

What we will do

- We will complete your claim form and have it signed by an authorised member of staff
- We will aim to send it to your insurance company within five working days from payment of your invoice, if you have completed the relevant insurance form as requested or provided your claim reference for ongoing claims
- We send notes, case report and any other required information to the insurance company

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Insurance claims



Direct claims

When your insurance company reimburses us.

What we need from you

- An admin fee is charged per claim and is payable every six weeks (or three months for ongoing dermatology cases)
- You must provide a claim form, or email link from your insurance company, for each visit.
- Claim forms must have all policyholder sections completed
- All forms must be signed and dated in the relevant sections stating that payment comes direct to us (Langford Veterinary Services)
- At your initial visit you must provide us with a copy of your valid insurance certificate or schedule, which shows the limit on the policy, the excess amount, the start date and any exclusions that may exist. You will also be asked to pay any excess.
- Prior to your first Langford Vets visit we ask that you contact your insurance company to give permission for us to speak with them about your policy and outstanding claims

What we will do

- We will complete your claim form and have it signed by an authorised staff member
- We will write to you and inform you if we have not received payment from your insurance company.
- We send notes, case report and any other required information to the insurance company
- We will facilitate your claim with your insurance company to ensure it is progressing

Please note:

- It is your responsibility to settle your account after 60 days if the insurance company has not reimbursed us by then.
- By offering a direct claim we are not creating a contract between ourselves and the insurance company – responsibility for any amounts not paid by the insurance company remain with you, and are required to be settled promptly after insurance monies have been paid, in line with our standard terms of business (included in your welcome pack)

Pre-authorisation

This is when your claim is pre-agreed with the insurance company before treatment of your animal commences.

- If your insurance company allows pre-authorisation and time permits, you should obtain pre-authorisation for your peace of mind
- Some insurance companies insist on pre-authorisation before any treatment, or if treatment is expected to be over a certain value
- It takes 10 working days to process a pre-authorisation with your insurance company
- Some insurance companies do not allow you to do a pre-authorisation; you should seek advice directly from your insurer



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What happens if my pet is hospitalised?

My dog has been hospitalised. Who will take care of them while they are with you?

Whilst your dog is with us, their treatment will be overseen by one of our lead clinicians, with a member of our dedicated nursing team nearby at all times.

Where will my dog stay?

Depending on the severity of your dog's condition, they will either stay in one of our dog wards or in the Intensive Care Unit.

Intensive Care Unit

Our Intensive Care Unit kennels are designed to allow easy access for the treatment and constant monitoring that your pet will need.

Dog wards

In wards your dog will stay in a spacious kennel with a warm bed. One of our ward nurses will be nearby at all times to monitor their health and well-being. We even have the radio on to keep them company during the day, and at night they are monitored regularly but given quiet periods with no activity in order to rest.



Will you provide food for my dog?

Your dog will be fed regularly throughout the day. Nutrition is very important to recovery so very poorly dogs, or those that do not want to eat readily, will be encouraged to eat by hand feeding warmed food. Sometimes we find that the patients who are reluctant to eat will take food if they are offered it whilst out on a short walk.

My dog has allergies - do I need to provide food?

We try to cater for various diets and requirements and make sure that any allergies or dislikes are managed, so you can let us know of anything you are worried about. If your dog receives a special diet, we are happy for you to bring some with you in case we don't stock it.

My dog is fed a raw food diet

Whilst we respect your decision to feed your dog a raw food diet, our Infection Control policy means that we are unable to accept raw food into the hospital. We can assure you that your dog will be fed a complete balanced diet during their stay. You are welcome to bring your own alternative wet or kibble based commercial dog food if you prefer.



Will my dog be exercised?

Exercise and stimulation is important to the recovery of our patients. The nurses will walk your dog four times a day in our surrounding grounds to give them every opportunity for some exercise - and, of course, to go to the toilet.

We have slings and various aids for dogs who have difficulty walking. We keep a selection of toys in our wards, and we always make time for cuddles. Your dog will also be groomed and bathed if they need it.

If your dog is unable to walk, our nurses will carry them outside for a lie down on the grass to watch the world go by. If your dog is in Intensive Care, we will ensure that their individual needs are met. Exercise is encouraged but not enforced. Our nurses always make plenty of time for individual attention, love and interaction with the patients.

Our Nursing Team

All of our Small Animal Referral Hospital nurses are highly trained, experienced, dedicated and trained in their chosen area, so you can rest assured that your pet is well cared for.

Our ward nurses will look after your pet whilst they are hospitalised. We also have a team of ICU Nurses who will care for your pet if they are admitted into our Intensive Care Unit.



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Can I bring my dog's toys and bedding from home?

Because we are a hospital, the control of infection must be our highest priority and so, unfortunately, we cannot allow patients' own bedding to be left with the patient and may not allow you to leave toys for the same reason.

Will my dog be cared for through the night?

The hospital has a dedicated night-nursing team who are responsible for caring for your dog overnight. They are on hand to make sure your dog receives everything they need, including medications, intravenous fluids, food and walks. There is also a vet present, and several on call, to ensure our inpatients have immediate attention if necessary.

Rehabilitation and pain management

We have a rehabilitation and pain management service on site. This team assist with pain management and mobility within all areas of the hospital, including ICU. They will often take the patients into the grounds to do physiotherapy.



Our Rehabilitation and Pain Management team are able to provide a high level of patient care with emphasis on their comfort and safety. They may be asked to support your dog during their stay and can advise and support you during recovery at home.

Can I visit my dog while they are hospitalised?

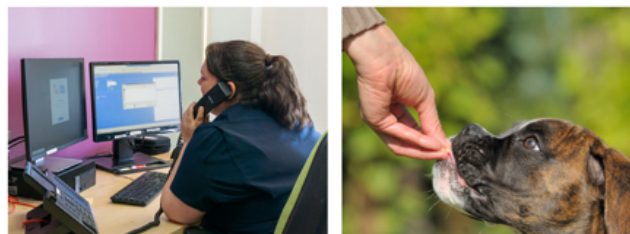
Due to current government and Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons guidance we are not able to accommodate owner visits at this time.

We recognise the stress and upset that leaving your sick or injured dog can cause and do our best to make sure we keep you up to date and in contact with the team looking after them.

These guidelines are under constant review and will be updated as circumstances change.

How will I find out how my dog is doing?

We will contact you by phone daily whilst your dog is with us so that you are kept in touch and are up to date with their health and progress.



We will get in touch once we have settled the patients, made them comfortable, administered any medications and carried out procedures that are necessary, so please be patient. These calls may be at any time up until 11am. If you have missed our call, you are welcome to contact our reception team who will help you to get a progress report on your dog.

We will always contact you if we need to carry out additional procedures or if our treatment plan changes in any way.

If you find it difficult to get to a phone you can leave us with alternative contact details and we will be happy to leave messages, text or email you daily reports.

Alternatively, we can talk to a friend or relative providing we have your permission. Please note, the team may struggle to take calls during the late afternoon/evening as they will be busy looking after in-patients.

Saying goodbye

On those sad occasions when we are concerned about your dog's health and feel that it is deteriorating, we would be in touch immediately. Only in these circumstances might we be able to accommodate a visit, so that you can spend time with your dog and have the opportunity to be able to say goodbye.

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Local Information

We regret that we are unable to host clients staying on site in their motorhomes however there are a lot of options for accomodation locally.

Accomodation

Winston Manor Hotel	Bristol Road, BS25 5NL Tel: 01934 852 348 (1 mile)	
Holiday Inn	Bridgwater Road, Bristol, BS40 5RB Tel: 01934 861123 (2.2 miles)	
Double Tree by Hilton	Frost Hill, Congresbury, BS49 5AD Tel: 01934 834 343 (3.1 miles)	
Penscott Inn	The Square, Shipham, BS25 1TW Tel: 01934 842659 (will accept small and medium sized dogs) (4 miles)	
The Seymour Arms	Bath Road, Blagdon, BS40 7TH Tel: 01761 462 279 (will accept dogs) (4 miles)	
Premier Inn	Bridgwater Road, Winscombe, BS25 1NN Tel: 0333 777 3949 (4.5 miles)	
Innlodge	North End Road, Yatton, BS49 4AU Tel: 01934 839 100 (5 miles)	
The Oak House	The Square, Axbridge, BS26 2AP Tel: 01934 732 444 (5.7 miles)	



Apple Taxis
01934 666 666

Arrow Cars (Airport Taxis)
01275 475 000

CPM Taxis
01934 835 119

Woodspring Taxis
01934 414 141



Langford Bus Route

The **U2** bus service operated by First Bus connects our Langford and Clifton campuses.

The **U2** runs hourly on weekdays from 8am to 6pm in each direction. The service runs year-round, except Bank Holidays and between Christmas and New Year.

The bus travels from Clifton along the new South Bristol Link Road and the A38 servicing stops along the way.

The route and timetable can be found here:

[www.bris.ac.uk/vetscience/
media/docs/Bulletin/
bustimetable.pdf](http://www.bris.ac.uk/vetscience/media/docs/Bulletin/bustimetable.pdf)

Campsites

(with hardstanding pitches suitable for caravans and motorhomes)

Brook Lodge Farm	Wrington, BS40 5RB Tel: 01934 862 311 (2.2 miles)	
Kingswood Farm	Cleeve, BS49 4PJ Tel: 01934 838 752 (5.2 miles)	
Myrtle Farm Holidays	Banwell, BS29 6LP Tel: 07717 577 217 (5.9 miles)	
Gorselands Leisure	Bleadon Hill, BS24 0AD Tel: 01934 263 510 (8.8 miles)	

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS

Thank you for entrusting the care and attention of your animal to Langford Veterinary Services Ltd (Langford Vets). We aim to provide the highest standards of care for all animals under our care. We will endeavour to communicate effectively with you regarding the treatment of your animal. For more information visit our website at www.langfordvets.co.uk

The information below details our Business Terms and Conditions. Some aspects of the Terms may not be relevant to you and we request that you ask for further explanation or clarification if required.

Fees

All fees, diets and drug charges are subject to VAT at the current rate. Fee levels are determined by the time spent on a case and according to the drugs, materials, consumables and diets used. You will receive a detailed fee note for consultations, surgical procedures or any transaction with us. No drugs or food will be dispensed without payment.

Methods of Payment

Accounts are due for settlement at the end of the consultation even if your animal is insured (see below under Animal Health Insurance), unless otherwise agreed with the Credit Control Department, or at the discharge of your animal or upon collection of drugs or diets. You may settle the account using:

- CASH
- CHEQUE
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD – Switch, Solo, MasterCard, Visa, Delta

Estimates of Treatment Costs

We will happily provide a written estimate as to the probable costs of a course of treatment. It will not include costs of medications or any complications arising from treatment. Please bear in mind that any estimate given can only be approximate – often an animal's illness will not follow a conventional course.

Settlement Terms

Your account should be settled at time of discharge, whether your animal is insured or not. Should the account not be settled, then an invoice will be sent with an additional accounting fee in respect of administrative costs. Any direct insurance claims must be agreed before treatment starts, see below under Animal Health Insurance.

You will be expected to pay on demand on an indemnity basis, without deduction of any legal or other reasonable costs, fees or expenses of whatever nature incurred by Langford Vets in connection with or in contemplation of any non-payment of your account by you.

All appointments will be charged for unless an hours notice is given of cancellation. It is at the vet's discretion not to charge for a consultation.

After due notice to you overdue amounts will be referred to the County Court and further charges will be levied in respect of costs incurred in collecting the debt. Any cheque returned by our bank as unpaid, any credit card payment not honoured and any cash tendered that is found to be counterfeit will result in the original account being restored to the original sum with further charges added in respect of bank charges and administrative costs, together with interest on the principal sum.

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Langford Vets strongly support the principle of insuring your animal against unexpected illness or accidents. Although your animal may be insured, please be aware that it is your responsibility to settle your account within 60 days, even if we are doing a direct claim for you. Generally you should reclaim the fees from your insurance company. You will need to bring the following to your first appointment:

- your valid policy document and
- a claim form

At reception, you will be requested to ring your insurance company to grant us authorisation to speak to them about your claim. There is fee for administrating the insurance claim and you will need a new claim form for every time you visit the hospital or practice.

If you wish us to claim directly, you must first obtain prior agreement from Langford Vets. Please contact reception to discuss details before treatment. For further details, please look at our website or contact reception.

Limit on Liability

The prices charged by us are based on a limit on our liability of £250,000 per claim (or for a series of related claims) as a result of our negligence or breach of contract. If this limit is less than the value of the animal you are advised to make your own insurance arrangements to cover the full loss. We do not accept liability where the loss arises out of your failure to notify us of any condition, ailment or allergy of which you had knowledge which would not have been apparent on reasonable examination by a veterinary practitioner. This limit shall not apply to the extent the law does not allow us to limit or exclude our liability.

Vaccine Reminders – only for first-opinion practices

We will endeavour to send you vaccine reminders, however, we recommend that you keep a note of when your animal is due their annual vaccination. However, we do not accept responsibility for missed vaccinations.

Complaints and Standards

We hope that you never have recourse to complain about the standards of service received from Langford Vets. However, if you feel there is something you wish to complain about, please direct your comments in the first instance to reception who will endeavour to resolve the matter. If it is felt appropriate your complaint will be escalated to the appropriate manager.

As a veterinary business, our veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses must comply with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Code of Professional Conduct. If you have concerns relating to the professional conduct of a staff member and have not been able to resolve it with Langford Vets, you can contact the RCVS on their website www.rcvs.org.uk for further details about making a complaint.

Ownership of Clinical Records, Radiographs and Similar Records

Case records including radiographs and similar documents are the property of and will be retained by Langford Vets as part of the clinical record of your animal. A summary of the history will be passed to another veterinary surgeon taking over the case on request. Should copies of radiographs etc. be required, a charge will be made for these.

General Data Protection Regulations

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) as it applies to professional and client records. Your personal data records will be kept confidential to Langford Vets. We may, however, use your contact

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details for marketing purposes if you have given your consent. Please refer to our privacy notice on our website www.langfordvets.co.uk for full details.

Termination of Service Delivery

We maintain the right to terminate delivery of our services to you as a client should the trust between parties have sufficiently broken down that further delivery would be unfeasible. In this unlikely circumstance, we will send a letter to you confirming the termination and its date. We will cover emergency treatment only for your animal for a further two weeks after the date of the letter in order to allow you to find another practice to care for your animal. We will transfer the relevant clinical records to the new practice.

Prescriptions

All clients have a right to ask for a prescription. You may obtain Prescription Only Medicines, Category V, (POM V's) from your veterinary surgeon OR ask for a prescription to obtain these medicines from another veterinary surgeon or a pharmacy. Your veterinary surgeon may prescribe POM Vs only for animals under his or her care. A prescription may not be appropriate if your animal is an in-patient or immediate treatment is necessary.

You can be informed, on request, of the price of any medicine that may be prescribed to your animal.

We kindly request that you, the client, give us 24 hours notice for a repeat drug and food collection. Any drugs, once made up, will be charged for whether collected or not.

Repeat Prescriptions

The general policy of this practice is to re-assess an animal requiring repeat prescriptions usually every three months, but this may vary with individual circumstances. A re-examination fee will be charged.

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No addition or variation of these conditions will bind Langford Vets unless it is specifically agreed in writing and signed by a member of the Langford Vets senior management team. No agent or person employed by, or under contract with, Langford Vets has the authority to alter or vary these conditions in anyway.

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