

CAT FRIENDLY CLINIC

Did you know that we are an ISFM Silver accredited Cat Friendly clinic!

This means that we have met certain guidelines on the equipment that we use and we implement cat friendly handling techniques when restraint is required. It also means that we understand the anxiety you and your cat have when visiting the vet so we use protocols such as anti-anxiety medications prior to visits and stress free handling when hospitalised in our care.



CARRIER TRAINING

Helping your cat to associate their carrier with positive experiences can really help to reduce the stress they feel when visiting the vets. Put a comfortable blanket into the carrier and spray it with a pheromone spray such as feliway. Use another blanket or towel over the carrier to create a more safe and secure environment.

The best types of carriers are ones with multiple doors and made from plastic as these allow easy access to get them in and out and are easy to clean. We discourage cage carriers as cats can find these stressful as there is nowhere for them to hide.



Keep the carrier in a room where the cat can access it at all times. This allows them to come and go as they please, making them feel in control. By the time the cat needs the carrier for a vet visit, it will just feel like another bed or hiding area for them.



CAR JOURNEYS

The motions, strange noises, sights and smells, may frighten cats and lead to them being stressed before you have set foot in the practice.

- Cover the cat carrier with a blanket
- Making sure the carrier is secure in the car, ideally in the footwell behind the front seats
- Ensuring the car is well ventilated and at an appropriate temperature for your cat.