

GLADSTONE REFERRALS CARDIORESPIRATORY & INTERNAL MEDICINE



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Referral Services

Jörg Niehoegen graduated from Hannover Veterinary School in 1985 and worked for the following years in various practices in the UK and Germany. He gained his **Certificate in Veterinary Cardiology** in 1995 and in **Small Animal Medicine** in 1999.

In March 1996 he jointly opened Gladstone Veterinary Clinic, offering a first opinion service in Telford.

Since 1996 he is offering a **Small Animal Cardiology** referral service. This was extended in 1999 to general **Small Animal Internal Medicine**.

How to refer a case?

- ♥ Fax, e-mail or telephone case details (client and animal details, brief reason for referral).
- ♥ Client or you arrange an appointment (Monday to Friday 8.45 to 18.30)
- ♥ Supply client information sheets to pet owner.
- ♥ Provide referral letter with summary of history and clinical examination (fax, post or with client).
- ♥ Provide case material (X-rays, ECGs, lab reports as original copy) either by post or client.
- ♥ A report with advice on case management will be telephoned /faxed/e-mailed to the

referring veterinary surgeon usually on the same day followed by a posted report.

Cardiac investigation

Typically the investigation of a cardiac problem includes clinical examination, ECG, 24-hour ECG recording, thoracic radiographs, echocardiography (including Doppler) +/-, haematological and biochemical evaluation.

Respiratory tract investigation

Typically the investigation of a respiratory tract problem includes clinical examination, thoracic radiography, endoscopy, broncho-alveolar lavage +/- biopsy and laboratory investigations (cytology, bacteriology, haematology, biochemistry).

Medical case investigations

Many other medical problems (e.g. chronic vomiting, chronic diarrhoea, liver diseases, renal disease, PD/PU cases, endocrinopathies, anaemias and other haematopoietic diseases) can be investigated. Please contact the surgery to discuss individual cases.

Selected cardio-thoracic surgical procedures

PDA ligation, pericardiocentesis, pericardectomy, stenotic nares, soft palate shortening, thoracocentesis (temporary or permanent) and thoracotomies for selected

procedures are performed amongst other surgery.

ECG interpretation and report

ECGs for interpretation should preferably be sent by post as fax transmission reduces the quality of the trace.

Thoracic radiograph interpretation and report

Posted thoracic and abdominal radiographs are interpreted and a report with advice on case management is faxed/posted normally within 24 hours.

Free telephone advice

Advice on case investigation and management is provided free of charge.

Available Facilities

- ♥ *300 mA x-ray machine*
- ♥ *Spectral Doppler ultrasound machine*
- ♥ *Multi-channel ECG recorder and monitor + 24-hour Holter recording*
- ♥ *Ultrasound guided biopsy*
- ♥ *Endoscopy (biopsy, broncho-alveolar lavage)*
 - ♥ *flexible for respiratory and GI tract*
 - ♥ *small rigid for nose*

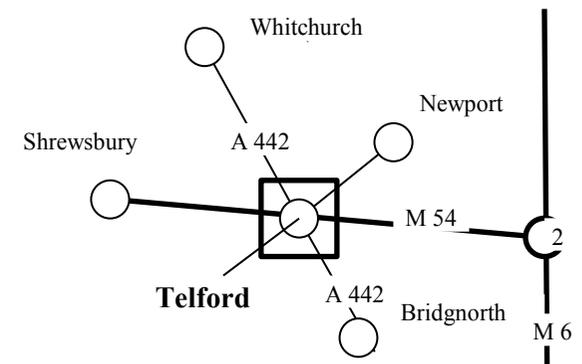
Useful tips

- ♥ Make sure your client is aware that the animal will be examined in the morning and admitted for further diagnostic procedures.
- ♥ Normally the animal can be collected late in the afternoon. The results of the investigations will be discussed with the owner in detail. In some instances (extensive medical work-ups) the animals need to stay for more than one day.
- ♥ Please discontinue all drugs (except heart medication), especially

antibiotics and steroids, 10 to 14 days prior to the appointment. If in doubt, please phone.

- ♥ Sedation or general anaesthesia (for respiratory cases, endoscopy) is necessary in most cases.
- ♥ Withholding food from 22.00 the night before is required in most cases. For GI endoscopy this period can be extended to 24 - 48 hours before the procedure (please enquire about this for individual cases)
- ♥ Please do not indicate that any specific investigation will be performed. This will be discussed with the owner at the time of consultation.

Where to find us



The surgery is situated in the middle of

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