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Referrals @ ChesterGates

Information sheet for Group Chiari screening at ChesterGates Referral Hospital

- There will be a maximum of 10 dogs on each screening day.
- ChesterGates must receive full details regarding each animal at least one week prior to the screening day – we will need to know the Kennel Club name and registration number, pet name, microchip number/tattoo (please note this is mandatory), date of birth, sex, colour.
- Each animal will be given an appointment time by ChesterGates to ensure the smooth flowing of the screening day.
- All owners must be aware that even though an appointment time is given for screening, they may have to wait due to the possibility of ChesterGates' emergency cases requiring scanning.
- To be eligible for the screening scan your dog must be showing NO clinical signs of Chiari-like malformation/syringomyelia.
- We need to know if your dog has any clinical conditions eg cardiac and would request that your dog's clinical notes are forwarded to us by your veterinary surgeon prior to the screening day.
- It is mandatory that dogs are microchipped or tattooed prior to Chiari screening; microchipping can be carried out at ChesterGates and should be booked and paid for in advance (price upon request).
- Full payment for the Chiari screening and any additional charges must be received no later than 7 working days prior to the screening day. We accept debit/credit cards or cheques made payable to Cranmore Veterinary Services (CGRH) Ltd.
- Heart tests are £20.00 inc VAT and can only be carried out if the owner is present and has brought their Kennel Club registration documents. Heart tests must be booked and paid for in advance of the screening day and cannot be requested on the day.
- Hearing/BAER (brainstem auditory evoked response) tests are £20.00 inc VAT – these can be carried out but must be booked and paid for in advance. These tests cannot be requested on the day.
- If the owner is not able to be present at the screening day, we will require written authorisation to provide the results of Chiari screening to a named agent. Alternatively, at a charge of £10.00 (to be paid in advance), the results and scans (on CD) can be sent directly to the owner.
- Chiari screening at ChesterGates is carried out under sedation and these should be admissible when the new KC/BVA scheme comes into force.
- The results of the MRI scan will be explained to you by Geoff Skerritt at the time of discharge
- You will be given a record of the findings signed by Geoff Skerritt which gives grades for CM and SM as well as any incidental findings.
- Should Mr Skerritt not be available for any reason, another member of the Neurology Department will show you the scans. You will be asked to sign the record of findings to confirm that all the details are correct prior to your departure from ChesterGates and, once Mr Skerritt has entered the MRI findings and signed it, the record will be sent to you as soon as possible after the screening day.
- Your dog should not eat after midnight the night prior to scanning but can have water overnight; this, however, should be taken away in the morning.
- Please bring your Kennel Club registration documents with you.

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