

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Sunbeam Veterinary Hospital aims to provide a safe, professional and caring environment for your pet to receive treatment. Owners and animals use the Hydrotherapy Unit at their own risk. Sunbeam Veterinary Hospital can therefore not accept any responsibility for any injury suffered by owners or animals using the Hydrotherapy Unit and its facilities, nor accept responsibility for any loss or damage to personal belongings whilst on the premises. Your kind attention is therefore drawn to our terms and conditions as set out below:

- ▶ All dogs must have a Veterinary Referral Form signed by their Veterinary Surgeon stating that they are in a suitable state of health to receive Hydrotherapy Treatment.
- ▶ Whilst every care is taken with all dogs receiving Hydrotherapy Treatment and in the maintenance of the water and equipment, all dogs enter the Unit at the owner's own risk.
- ▶ All dogs must be kept up to date with annual vaccinations and evidence must be produced on request.
- ▶ Bitches in season will not be allowed to attend sessions until their season has finished.
- ▶ Dogs with infectious or contagious conditions such as ear, eye or skin infections, vomiting or diarrhoea will not be treated.
- ▶ Please ensure your dog is relatively clean prior to treatment.
- ▶ Do not feed your dog for at least four hours prior to treatment and one hour after.
- ▶ All sessions, including insured dogs must be paid for on the day of treatment.
- ▶ Sunbeam Veterinary Hospital reserves the right to charge for any appointment which is broken without prior notice.
- ▶ Sunbeam Veterinary Hospital reserves the right to reschedule/cancel any appointment.



SUNBEAM HYDROTHERAPY CENTRE

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Hydrotherapy Unit

Information & Referral Instructions



Sunbeam Veterinary Hospital

An inspected and accredited companion animal hospital

SUNBEAM VETERINARY HOSPITAL HYDROTHERAPY UNIT

Hydrotherapy, a recognised treatment for arthritis, rehabilitation from injury and pain relief for people, is now available for the treatment of similar conditions in small animals. Hydrotherapy involves exercise and treatment in a warm water bath. The treatment essentially involves exercising on an underwater treadmill. By having the treadmill underwater and varying the water level it is possible to alter the amount of work done by the animal's muscles and joints.



This unique environment offers the trained hydrotherapist an opportunity to encourage the movement of stiff joints in non-weight bearing exercise. The natural buoyancy of water decreases loading onto weight bearing joints which removes the impact that is encountered during exercise on land.

HYDROTHERAPY CAN HELP TO:

- ▶ Ease pain
- ▶ Build muscle strength and flexibility
- ▶ Improve joint movement
- ▶ Contain or prevent muscle wastage
- ▶ Lessen swelling and inflammation
- ▶ Reduce stress on healing joints and tissue
- ▶ Improve earlier return to normal activities
- ▶ Achieve weight loss
- ▶ Improve cardiovascular fitness

CONDITIONS TREATED ARE:

- ▶ Joint conditions
- ▶ Hip and elbow dysplasia
- ▶ Post orthopaedic surgery
- ▶ Soft tissue injuries (muscle, ligament, tendon, etc.)
- ▶ Maintaining mobility in older patients
- ▶ Post-neurological injury
- ▶ Osteochondrosis
- ▶ Pre and post operative conditioning
- ▶ Arthritis – reduced pain and increased mobility
- ▶ CDRM – chronic degenerative radiculomyelopathy
- ▶ Spinal injuries
- ▶ Disc disease
- ▶ Cruciate ligament injuries and post operative recovery
- ▶ Muscle strengthening maintenance and restoration
- ▶ Relief of pain, swelling and stiffness
- ▶ Relaxation of muscle spasms
- ▶ Cardiovascular fitness (heart and lungs)
- ▶ Obesity (weight loss in conjunction with diet)
- ▶ Mental well being



HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Appointments are strictly on a referral basis only. If your vet decides your animal is a suitable candidate for hydrotherapy, ask him/her to refer you to the Hydrotherapy Unit at Sunbeam Veterinary Hospital.

A referral form can be faxed direct to your vet's office, downloaded from our website www.sunbeamvets.com, or collected from reception.

Once we receive the completed referral form from your vet we will then telephone you to schedule an appointment.

The hydrotherapist will contact your vet prior to and after the first treatment session and will provide your vet with regular progress updates.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information or to receive a copy of our referral form please contact us, we will be happy to answer your queries.

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