Grove Veterinary Centre Client Information Sheet
on long term drug dispensing and patient monitoring

Non-Steroidal Antinflammatory Drugs (nsaids)

Introduction
Your pet has been prescribed an nsaid to reduce pain and inflammation. It is intended that this medicine or an equivalent will be used for an extended period.
This information sheet will detail the minimum level of examination needed to allow us to continue to dispense the drug safely.

Using the drug
Please read any leaflets we may have given you about the condition we are treating and following dosage instructions carefully. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about the effectiveness of the medication or any ill-effects your pet may experience.
Typical ill effects for this type of drug include
Vomiting and Diarrhoea. Contact the surgery if these, or any other effects occur.

Dispensing Quantities
Dispensing quantities are at the discretion of the supervising veterinary surgeon. A maximum of three months tablets or the largest liquid medication suitable for your pet will be dispensed at any time.

Examination
To meet legal and clinical obligations, one of our vets needs to see your pet at least every SIX months. **We may not be able to dispense any further medication if this period has been exceeded.**

Blood testing
To ensure that liver and kidney function is not compromised during the treatment we will need to test your pet's blood shortly after starting the medication, and thereafter every TWELVE months.
 We may not be able to dispense any further medication if this period is exceeded.
When you are coming for any blood test, please starve your pet for twelve hours prior to the test unless we indicate otherwise.

Other investigations or diagnostic tests
Provided there is a good clinical response and no ill effects there are no other investigations that would be required on a regular basis. Poor response may indicate the need for xrays to be taken or repeated if they have already been done.